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Greetings to Believers in Inter-America

A Message to You

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May I send greetings to the brethren and sisters of Inter-America. What a wonderful change I see, what growth, since my first visit to this field in 1903! Daily in the division council at Balboa I have seen how wondrously God has wrought in calling His people from islands and mainlands, to join the great world body of Seventh-day Adventists, who are carrying the last gospel message of Revelation 14 to every nation and tongue. We rejoiced at the few hundreds, here and there, in 1903. But now we see what our faith in those days did not allow us to think possible.

The division council in Balboa, just closing, has been a blessed one. The spirit of consecration and personal surrender to Christ has dominated all the proceedings. I have been attending councils and conferences for fifty years; and never have I seen a body of workers more diligent and earnest in the study of the work committed to us. The reports from English, Spanish and French fields have stirred our hearts.

Brethren and sisters, be of good courage. God is with you. Press together. God is pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh. We see it from Mexico, in the north, to the southernmost borders of Colombia, Venezuela, and the Guianas. As for that bent bow of the island field that stretches from Cuba and the Bahamas to Trinidad, it is still a shining rainbow of promise and hope in this time of the latter rain.

Greetings to every believer. Inter-America has been an inspiration to us in other lands, and we see that God has yet greater things on the way.



THE GIFTS OF THE YEAR

My Father, all the gifts I need are Thine.
Not the love-tokens of a host of friends
For absence of Thine own could make amends;
I lift my eyes to where Thy mercies shine.

I know where the long list should first begin;
For I have sinned against Thee, and this
wrong
Blots out the sunshine and prevents the song.
I need Thy pardon: God, forgive my sin!

Then, Lord, I need Thy cleansing. Make me pure
From every evil thought, or wish, or way,
That I may turn from darkness to the day,
And, seeing the Invisible, endure.

My Father, give me strength, for I am weak.
I cannot live my life, nor meet the task,
Unless Thou give the power that I ask;
Oh, make me strong to be both brave and meek.

Give me Thy gifts of patience, and of grace,
Let me not yield to anger or unrest,
Nor be too wilful in an eager quest,
But keep serenity of heart and face.

Lord, give me courage to be unafraid
Though the storms threaten me and fierce
winds beat,
May hope stay with me even in defeat,
And at the worst let me not be dismayed.

Yet all the gifts I need are only one!
Thou art my Father, I am child of Thine,
Oh! till the new light from the Homeland
shine,
Give me Thyself, and let Thy will be done.

—Marianne Farningham.

DIVISION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

[After reading Ps. 48:1-14, Pastor E. E. Andross gave the following address at the Inter-American Division Council, December 6, 1935.]

Under the type of Jerusalem is represented the church, which is always protected and guided by the divine favor. There are five parts to this Psalm as follows:

1. Excellencies and privileges of the city of God.
2. Narration of deliverance she obtained, and the terror that fell upon her enemies.
3. An exhortation to consider her deliverance, and to praise God.
4. An appeal carefully to observe, to inspect, to scrutinize Zion—her towers, her bulwarks, her palaces.
5. The assurance that the God that wrought mightily for Jerusalem, is our God, and will be our Guide to the end.

Let us briefly consider some of the striking features of this wonderful Psalm.

(a) "THE CITY OF OUR GOD,"—It is quite apparent that in this Psalm the city of God is used to represent the church of God. It is true that the Psalmist was narrating the experiences of the city of Jerusalem, but these were taken as a type of the church. "Nothing else is this world is so dear to God as His church. Nothing is guarded by Him with such jealous care."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 42.

(b) THE CHURCH "IS HIS HOLY MOUNTAIN,"—The law that governs the church is God's holy law. The people who compose its membership are a holy people.

(c) "IT IS BEAUTIFUL FOR SITUATION,"—"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels." Isa. 61:10. "Wor-

ship the Lord in holy adornment." 1 Chron. 16:29. "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power in holy adornments." Ps. 110:3. (Variorum translation).

(d) "THE JOY OF THE WHOLE EARTH IS MOUNT ZION,"—"Arise, shine: for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee, and the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising." Isa. 60:1-3. (See also Rev. 18:1).

(e) "GOD IS KNOWN IN HER PALACES,"—"The gift of His Holy Spirit, rich, full and abundant, is to His church as an encompassing wall of fire, which the powers of hell shall not prevail against. In their untainted purity and spotless perfection Christ looks upon His people as the reward of all His suffering, His humiliation and His love, and the supplement of His glory. Christ is the great center from which radiates all glory. 'Blessed are they which are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'"—"God's Love for His Church" by Mrs. E. G. White. In some way before the end, through the church, God will reveal His grace and His power to the whole world.

(f) "LET MOUNT ZION REJOICE,"—"Happy art thou, O Israel: Who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord." Deut. 33:29. "Break forth into joy, sing together ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted His people, He hath redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord hath made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God." Isa. 52:9, 10. "God's people are to be so earnest and faithful in their work for Him that all selfishness will be separated from their lives. His workers will then see eye to eye, and the arm of the Lord, the power of which was seen in the life of Christ, will be revealed. Confidence will be restored, and there will be unity in the churches throughout our ranks."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 33.

"Obstacles to the advancement of the work of God will appear; but fear not. To the omnipotence of the King of kings, our covenant-keeping God unites the gentleness and care of a tender shepherd. Nothing can stand in His way. His power is absolute, and it is the pledge of the sure fulfilment of His promises to His people. He can remove all obstructions to the advance-



ment of His work. He has means for the removal of every difficulty, that those who serve Him and respect the means He employs may be delivered. His goodness and love are infinite, and His covenant is unalterable.

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

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

Growth of Work

As we consider the work of God in this division as it has developed through the past few years, we have great reason for rejoicing. God is fulfilling His promises to His people. He is revealing His power in the transformation of human lives in a most wonderful way. While the growth of our membership is not a true test of our prosperity, yet, whenever and wherever the church of God is baptized with the Holy Spirit there will be material growth. The hearts of the believers will be surcharged with a love for souls that will lead them to extend the triumphs of the cross. "A work similar to that which the Lord did through His delegated messengers after the day of Pentecost He is waiting to do today."—*Id.*, Vol. VII, p. 33.

During the ten-year period from 1925 to 1934 our church membership increase was 16,867 or 182%. During the same period the Sabbath school membership increase was 26,593 or 227%. The M. V. membership increase was 6,668 or 235%. During the four-year period from 1931 to 1934 our membership gains were 10,472 or 67%. Our Sabbath school membership gains were 15,582 or 68%, the M. V. membership gains were 4,407 or 74%. The church membership at the end of the third quarter of this year, 1935, stood at

27,246, our Sabbath school at 39,467, and our M. V. at 11,156.

Our baptisms for the past four years have stood as follows:

1931	.....	3,012	1933	.....	3,774
1932	.....	3,619	1934	.....	3,956

It will be observed that this increase has been steady and is an evidence that our workers and people have endeavored to follow the counsel given in the Spirit of prophecy as follows: "His servants are constantly to enlarge the circle of their efforts. Constantly they are to do more, never less."—"Testimonies," Vol. VII, p. 15.

Again we have this wonderful promise: "Thousands in the eleventh hour will see and acknowledge the truth. . . . These conversions to truth will be made with a rapidity that will surprise the church, and God's name alone will be glorified."—*Special Testimonies from Manuscripts*, p. 30.

A Grave Responsibility

While we greatly rejoice in seeing so many turn from darkness to light, from the power of Satan unto God, we recognize that this imposes upon us as leaders a very grave responsibility in caring for the large numbers that are coming out of such gross darkness and uniting with the people of God. In some parts of our fields those who are embracing the truth have hitherto had no opportunity of acquaintance with the Bible. They must be trained as children. We must, therefore, exercise the greatest possible care in preparing these new believers for entrance into the church. "Before man can find a home in the church, before passing the threshold of God's spiritual kingdom, he is to receive the impress of the divine name, 'The Lord our righteousness.'"—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 21.

In order that we may fully comprehend the seriousness of the present situation, I will quote from the Spirit of prophecy a warning as follows:

"The accession of members who have not been renewed in heart and reformed in life is a source of weakness to the church. This fact is often ignored. Some ministers and churches are so desirous of securing an increase of numbers that they do not bear faithful testimony against unchristian habits and practices. Those who accept the truth are not taught that they cannot safely be worldlings in conduct while they are Christians in name. Heretofore they were Satan's subjects; henceforth they are to be subjects of Christ. The life must testify to the change of leaders. Public opinion favors a profession of Christianity. Little self-denial or self-

sacrifice is required in order to put on a form of godliness, and to have one's name enrolled upon the church book. Hence many join the church without first becoming united to Christ. In this Satan triumphs. Such converts are his most efficient agents. They serve as decoys to other souls. They are false lights, luring the unwary to perdition. It is in vain that men seek to make the Christian's path broad and pleasant for worldlings. God has not smoothed or widened the rugged, narrow way. If we would enter into life, we must follow the same path which Jesus and his disciples trod,—the path of humility, self-denial, and sacrifice."—*"Testimonies," Vol. V, p. 172.*

We must never permit our zeal for the enlargement of the church and our desire to report a large number of baptisms to lead us to neglect most thoroughly to instruct the candidates in the baptismal classes. They should be acquainted with and accept from the heart the fundamentals of this message before they are brought into the church. They should know what sacrifices are necessary in order for them to become sons and daughters of God, and of course we must not forget to hold before them the wonderful privileges of God's children.

Another very important element in the preparation of new believers for church membership is to be found in the strengthening of our church leaders. The greatest care should be exercised in selecting elders and leaders of our churches and companies who will be able to instruct new candidates for baptism. I think I can safely say that in most instances the preparation of candidates is left very largely in the hands of the church leaders. When we have secured an efficient corps of church elders and leaders, they should be instructed in their responsibility and duty. We should arrange to hold church officers' institutes where the necessary instruction to these leaders may be given. In doing this, we should not neglect to instruct them in the care of the children and the youth. These constitute a very large per cent of our new converts and must receive due consideration. When competent church elders and leaders have been selected and trained for service, as far as possible, there should be a continuity of such leadership. One of our great weaknesses is the very frequent changes in leadership. As far as is consistent, we should remedy this situation.

Duty of the Watchman

"Compass Zion about, and walk round about her; number her towers. Direct your mind to her outer wall, mark carefully her palaces: in order that ye may tell it to the latest generation. For this One is God, our God for ever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death." Psalm 48:12-14, (Leeser trans.)

We are called upon as leaders to study carefully the church, its organization, its various departments, the way it is functioning in all its parts, its divisions and its palaces—or separate units. "The work of God is a perfect whole, because perfect in all its parts."—*"Testimonies," Vol. IV, p. 543.* "Consider my brethren and sisters, that the Lord has a people, a chosen people, His church, to be His own, His own fortress, which He holds in a sin-stricken, revolted world; and He intended that no authority should be known in it, no laws be acknowledged by it but His own."—*"God's love for His Church," by Mrs. E. G. White.*

How thankful we are that the Lord has a people, a chosen people, His church, to be His own. We rejoice that He is holding this fortress and that no authority is to be known in it, no law acknowledged by it but His own. How careful, therefore, we should be in dealing with the church of God to follow His way, His plans, His methods of working, and to exercise the greatest possible care in protecting the church from the inroads of the enemy through unfaithful, disloyal members! We must look well to the defenses of the church.

"God has set bounds that Satan cannot pass. Our most holy faith is this barrier; and if we build ourselves up in the faith, we shall be safe in the keeping of the Mighty One."—*"Testimonies," Vol. V, p. 297.*

If the enemy is permitted to come in and weaken the faith of God's people in the eternal truths that He has committed to us, our defenses will be broken down to the extent that individuals are permitted to remain in the church while secretly endeavoring to undermine the faith of God's elect. To that ex-

tent the church will be weak. We must direct our minds to her walls, we must mark carefully her palaces, and by the way, this instruction is to be given to the "latest generation." It is therefore intended for us.

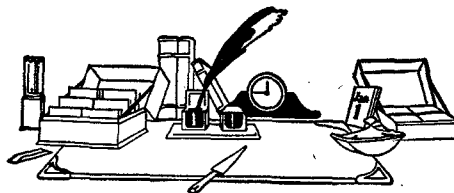
During the years of the past we have labored very hard to build us a constituency in the various parts of our field; to kindle torches in every dark corner as far as our funds would permit. In our zeal to build up the church membership, I fear we have failed to provide protection for our children and the youth, especially in view of the storm that is so rapidly approaching. Let us never forget that our children and youth will soon be called upon to endure the greatest possible test of their faith.

"The perils of the last days are upon us, and a trial is before the young which they have not anticipated. They are to be brought into most distressing perplexity. The genuineness of their faith will be proved. . . . They have not been willing to give up the world, but have united with them, have attended picnics and other gatherings of pleasure, flattering themselves that they were engaging in innocent amusement. Yet I was shown that it is just such indulgences that separate them from God, and make them children of the world. . . . A day of heart-rending anguish is before us. . . . Young men and women . . . are to be proved. They will be brought low in the dust, and will long for an experience in the things of God, which they have failed to obtain."—*"Testimonies," Vol. I, pp. 269, 270.*

I am profoundly grateful to God that very careful study has been given to this problem of caring for our children and youth during the departmental councils just closed. We must never forget the important truth found in the following quotation:

"The deep engraving of truth in the heart is never wholly effaced. It may be obscured, but can never be obliterated. The impressions made in early life will be seen in after years. Circumstances may occur to separate the children from their parents and their home, but as long as they live the instruction given in childhood and youth will be a blessing."—*Id., Vol. VI, p. 539.*

If properly trained, the children of our people will yet act an important part in the closing work of this message. "When heavenly intelligences see that men are no longer permitted to present the truth, the Spirit of God will come upon the children, and they will do a work in the proclamation of the truth which the older workers cannot



do, because their way will be hedged up. Our church schools are ordained by God to prepare the children for this great work."—*Id.*, Vol. VI, p. 203.

Greater emphasis should be placed on the need of instructing the parents in our churches as to their duty to prepare their children for the scenes of trouble that are soon to break over the earth, and that are even now bursting forth in many parts. The primary objective of the creation of the Missionary Volunteer organization was for the saving of the souls of the young. This is clearly stated in the earliest testimonies that were given touching this work.

"Young men and women, cannot you form companies, and, as soldiers of Christ, enlist in the work, putting all your tact and skill and talent into the Master's service, that you may save souls from ruin? Let there be companies organized in every church to do this work.

"Will the young men and young women who really love Jesus organize themselves as workers, not only for those who profess to be Sabbathkeepers, but for those who are not of our faith?"—*Signs of the Times*, May 29, 1893.

In view of the great proximity of the end, this objective must never be lost sight of. Other things, though good in themselves, must not be permitted to relegate this one supreme purpose to a secondary place. We must ever keep our eyes on this goal and work steadily toward its accomplishment. All our schools must make the Bible the foundation of all their work.

"The Holy Scriptures were the essential study in the schools of the prophets, and they should hold the first place in every educational system; for the foundation of all right education is a knowledge of God."—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 422.

"The word of God should be made the great educating power. How shall students know the truth, except by a close, earnest, persevering study of the word? Here is the grand stimulus, the hidden force which quickens the mental and physical powers, and directs the life into right channels. Here in the word is wisdom, poetry, history, biography and the most profound philosophy. Here is a study that quickens the mind into a vigorous and healthy life, and awakens it to the highest exercise. It is impossible to study the Bible with a humble, teachable spirit, without developing and strengthening the intellect. Those who become best acquainted with the wisdom and purpose of God as revealed in His word,

GRACE FOR TODAY

Evelyn Wininger

My life is young, the years stretch out before me;
Untraveled paths henceforth must be my way,
The shadows of eternity fall o'er me,
But all I ask is grace just for today.

The world is mine, to conquer or reject it,
'Tis mine to choose, to find my place within;
Both praise and blame will come and I expect it,
'Tis in my power to keep the friends I win.

I've plans and fond ambitions for tomorrow—
My cherished dreams,—I want them to come true;
But I shall have much disappointing sorrow—
I know there are many things I'll fail to do.

I see the distant future, dim, uncertain,
And feeling all my helplessness, I pray
That, till the lifting of time's misty curtain,
I may have grace to live from day to day.

become men and women of mental strength; and they may become efficient workers with the great Educator, Jesus Christ."—*Special Testimonies on Education*, pp. 24, 25.

Preparation for Scenes Before Us

"We are approaching stormy times, and we want to study the true foundation of our faith. We need to search the law book, to see if our title to the immortal inheritance is without a flaw."—*Testimonies*, Vol. V, p. 546.

Every opportunity should now be improved of encouraging our people everywhere to hide the word of God in their hearts. "The truth is kept altogether too much in the outer court. Bring it into the inner temple of the soul, enthrone it in the heart, and let it control the life. The word of God should be studied and obeyed, then the heart will find rest and peace and joy, and the aspirations will tend heavenward; but when truth is kept apart from the life, in the outer court, the heart is not warmed with the glowing fire of God's goodness."—*Testimonies*, Vol. V, p. 547.

My beloved brethren, as I meditate upon the wonderful truth obtained in this quotation, my own heart is condemned and I long to bring the whole truth as it is revealed in the Bible and Spirit of prophecy into the innermost recesses of my own soul and then let it be wrought out daily in my life, controlling the meditations of my heart, the words of my lips and my every act.

The Sabbath school is a mighty factor in acquainting our people with the word of God, and we must strengthen this important department of our work. The church as a whole must be trained for service. What a harvest of souls might be reaped in all parts of our field

if we were all filled with the Holy Spirit and with power. As rapidly as possible, the entire church membership must be enlisted and trained for active service for the lost. Young and old must be pressed into service for God. But it is to our young people especially that we must look for recruits in all our varied lines of service.

We should select and train a much larger army of colporteurs to go out into the dark corners of our field with the light of this message.

The Time and Hour

I would fail in my responsibility at this supreme moment if I should not call your attention once more to the extremely critical hour in which we now live. As watchman upon the wall of Zion, we must give the trumpet a certain sound. We must awaken our people to the necessity of immediate preparation for service and finally to meet our Saviour in peace. Every worker must be aroused to a true sense of the times in which we are living.

"Every discourse should be given under a sense of the awful judgments soon to fall on the world."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VIII, p. 37.

Only a little time remains in which to work for God and we must be terribly in earnest. "The work of God calls for men of high moral powers to engage in its promulgation. Men are wanted whose hearts are nerved with holy fervor, men of strong purpose, who are not easily moved, who can lay down every selfish interest, and give all for the cross and the crown. 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. Such qualifications as these are of more value than untold wealth invested in the work and cause of God. Energy, moral integrity, and strong purpose for the right, are qualities that cannot be supplied with any amount of gold. Men possessing these qualifications will have influence everywhere. Their lives will be more powerful than lofty eloquence. God calls for men of heart, men of mind, men of moral integrity, whom He can make the depositaries of His truth, and who will correctly represent its sacred principles in their daily life."—*Id.*, Vol. III, p. 23.

We need men of God whose faith has been made strong by effort, and pure sacrifice, men who will "gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, and loyalty from their treason."—*Id.*, Vol. V, p. 136.

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**THE MESSAGE CONTINUES
TO FLY**

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That our confidence in the final triumphs of the great Third Angel's Message has not been misplaced is continually evidenced in the annual reports and the ever onward march of the message, which John in the vision on Patmos saw "flying" in the midst of heaven. What the prophet of God foresaw in the vision nearly two thousand years ago, we who are living today see with our own eyes in actual fulfillment.

The message was born—and that of prophecy—in 1844. It began in a very small way, but "Who hath despised the day of small things?" God usually begins His work, as evidenced in the past great messages of the world, in small ways. From the small beginning ninety-one years ago the work has grown into a great world movement. From one, two, a half-dozen believers who had faith in the divine message of God and began in those early days in humility to proclaim it, the work has grown until at the present time, as indicated in the recent annual statistical report to the Autumn Council of the General Conference Committee, the message is being proclaimed in 539 languages. At the same time the membership of the denomination has grown to over four hundred thousand. The Sabbath school membership has reached just about half a million members. In the last three years the baptisms in the world field reached more than one hundred and twenty thousand—more than 40,000 annually.

When I was born, there were only about seven thousand believers in this message. When the truth came to our family nearly fifty years ago, the membership had not yet reached twenty-five thousand. When called to my first foreign mission experience in South America in 1901, the entire membership of the denomination had not reached even one hundred thousand. So step by step the message has grown and advanced until today it encircles the world and is numbering its adherents by the hundreds of thousands.

Well does the writer remember how, when the message was first brought to his father's home, the minister who visited our little group of believers held up the right hand and said, "Now the message is being preached in five languages of the world." But now it is FIVE HUNDRED and thirty-nine. What a wonderful thing has been accomplished! Truly, it is God's message for the world for these last days and it is accomplishing just what the prophet of God foresaw.

Take the work in our own island field, the Antillian Union Mission. When the writer came to this field in 1928, the entire membership had just passed five thousand—just about the present membership in the Jamaica Conference. In other words, the church membership of the Jamaica Conference is a little more now than the membership in all of the islands of Haiti, Santo Domingo, Puerto Rico, Cuba, the Bahamas, and Cayman Islands was eight short years ago. We fully expect that when the reports from all the fields of the union are gathered in at the close of the present year that the baptisms will fully reach and perhaps pass ten thousand.

Picture ten thousand persons gathered on some sandy beach. How long would it take one minister to baptize all that group, baptizing at the rate of one person a minute? Well, this only evidences the progress that the message is making in our own as in other parts of the great world field.



"And daily, hourly loving and giving
In the poorest life makes heavenly
living."

IT ISN'T YOUR CHURCH,

IT'S YOU

"If you want to live in the kind of a church
Like the kind of a church you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike.
You'll only find what you left behind,
For there's nothing that's really new;
It's a knock at yourself when you knock the
church—
It isn't your church, it's you.

"Real churches are not made by men afraid,
Lest some one else gets ahead;
When every one works and nobody shirks,
You can raise a church from the dead.
And if, when you make your personal stake,
Your neighbor can make one, too,
Your church will be what you want to see—
It isn't your church, it's you!"

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ONWARD IN THE CARIBBEAN

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Perhaps a brief look around the territory of the Caribbean Union will be of interest to readers of the MESSENGER. The year 1935 brought us many perplexing problems. These were chiefly due to the breaks in the ranks of our workers because of illness, thus making it necessary for those who remained to carry far heavier burdens. However, God has been with us and has blessed in every line of the work. To date (Dec. 18) we have baptized 562 and added them to the churches, and we hope to have baptized nearly 800 by the close of 1935. While the union is below the record for 1934 in baptisms, the French Mission and the Leeward Islands Conference are setting new high marks. The French Mission will more than double its record of baptisms for 1934, and the Leeward Islands Conference had baptized 259 by the close of the third quarter of 1935. On September 30, the church membership in the Caribbean Union was 7,185, and the Sabbath school membership was 7,908. We hope to make it 8,000 by the close of the year.

The tithe is increasing in a very encouraging way, showing that many of our people are responding to the call of God in Malachi to bring all their tithe into His storehouse. This increase will, of course, make it possible for conference committees to lay plans for stronger work in 1936. Our people are always willing to respond to every call, and it is this very willingness on their part that has made our Harvest Ingathering and Big Week campaigns so successful this year. Our union goal was \$4,500 for Harvest Ingathering, and we passed this some time ago. While it is too early at this writing to say just what was raised in the Big Week campaign, it was going ahead of previous years. In the South Caribbean Conference more than 3,600 books had been sold the last report we had from them, and they thought their sales would reach a total of 4,000 books. The campaign was going well in the other fields, also.

While it is a little too early to give the figures for the Home Missionary

work done in our field for 1935, the figures for 1934 may be of interest to many. Our reports show that out of a membership of 6,920 at the beginning of the year, 4,097 reported some work done. That is, we had 4,097 of our people who devoted some of their time in 1934 to the Lord's work, giving Bible readings, holding cottage meetings, making missionary visits, distributing literature, and doing other lines of work. They reported 163,409 cottage meetings held, 258,905 missionary visits, and 100,384 tracts or papers distributed. Surely in this we see a direct fulfillment of the following statement in "Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 126:

"Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God."

Earthquakes, that are so frequent these days, have visited the Caribbean Union. The little island of Montserrat has suffered greatly. The first heavy shock came in May, and this has been followed by hundreds of light tremors, with other occasional heavy shocks, until now our two churches on that island, both of stone, are nothing but heaps of rock. One of them was built while Pastor Reid was laboring on the island, and the other was completed and dedicated early in 1934. Pastor Weeks of the General Conference was visiting the Caribbean Union at the time, and preached the dedicatory sermon. We have about 300 of our people living on the island, and since the destruction of these two church buildings they have no place where they can meet to worship God, and they are without the necessary means to restore the buildings. They are in great need of help at this time.

Our people in the Caribbean Union are all of good courage, and look with confidence to the future.

IMPROVE TODAY

Gather ye rosebuds while ye may;
Old Time is still a-flying;
And this same flower that blooms today,
Tomorrow will be dying.

—Robert Herrick.

GENERAL AMERICAN UNION MISSION

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A MIRACULOUS HEALING

Mrs. Mae Borden

In May of 1927 I was bitten by a tick, and it grew rapidly worse. On the nineteenth day after I was bitten they took me to La Ceiba. The doctor there said I had blood poison and operated. I recovered all right, but as it healed, a large gland formed which became very painful. This gland seemed to get larger all the time. Sometimes I would have fever and have to stay in bed. I went to several doctors and they all advised me to keep quiet, but that was hard to do, as I am poor and have to do all my work.

During the camp meeting held in June that year, my aunt said to me, "Why don't you get the ministers to pray for you?" So I had four of them come to my home. At that time I was in bed with fever and suffering very much pain. They asked me a few questions and then Pastor Baxter anointed my head and the four of them prayed for me in turn. During their prayers I could feel the healing power of God passing through my body like electricity. When I was helped up I felt for the gland and it was gone. In my mind I had thought perhaps it would go in a gradual manner. But it was all gone. The healing was done instantaneously. Needless to say, I praised the Lord with a heart full and overflowing with gratitude. My rejoicing was great, as the doctors had said there was every possibility of my trouble developing into cancer.

CURED BY THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

Miguel Martinez S.

Some years ago I held some meetings in the regions of Gualaquenas. By God's help there was a very good interest. I remember one little girl, eight years old, saying to me that she loved Jesus very much. And I asked her if she also loved our religion. She answered that she did, and found much joy in it. She always attended our meetings. However, her parents and grandparents were very much opposed to our faith.

Very suddenly this little girl became seriously ill, and nobody knew from

what she suffered. She became so thin that her bones showed through her delicate skin. She was so ill that her parents and grandparents lost all hope of seeing her well. They resolved to give her to our faithful Brother Ambrosio Serrano and his wife, and they accepted the gift with great joy.

They lost no time in giving the child the needed care. They gave her good wholesome food, and lemonade and other drinks made of herbs. They also used another medicine, which is the spiritual. This faithful brother and sister time and time again knelt down and asked the great Physician to put His power on the little sick girl. He heard their prayer, and the little girl very quickly recovered her health.

We remember the example of the man who was blind from his birth, and how Christ "spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, and said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam. . . . He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing." John 9:6, 7. Christ could have healed him by merely saying, You are healed. He used this other means to make the man understand that we need to use earthly medicines, but first we need the great Physician, through our fervent prayers.

James said: "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." James 5:15.

COLOMBIA-VENEZUELA UNION MISSION

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NEW OPENINGS IN THE NETHERLANDS WEST INDIES, No. 2

Lunney Astleford

In our church in Curacao we have thirty-nine baptized members, most of whom are very earnest and are trying to do what they can to interest others in the message. Five of them are selling 250 copies of our papers to the people every month, and others are busy distributing tracts and giving Bible studies. This seed is beginning to germinate. Eight persons are keeping the Sabbath.

And now a new interest seems to be

developing in the country, where two of our members have been circulating our literature for some time. In company with one of the brethren, I went out to see these people, and was surprised to find so many. Said one of them, "If you will come out here and help us get a new church, we are all ready to follow you."

These people are very poor, but independent in that they make their living from raising goats and selling the fish which they catch in the sea. We have searched for an empty house in which to hold some meetings among them, but in vain. What methods will we be able to employ in order to reach them under these circumstances? We must do something for them. In a year's time, I believe, we could have a church of from twenty-five to forty members.

In these openings it seems that we can hear "the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees," indicating that God is going before us, preparing the way for the Third Angel's Message to reach these dear people in order that they, too, may hear and believe and be ready when Jesus comes to gather His people home. The work is great, the obstacles many, but with the Lord's help we can surmount all these and plant the banner of the Lord in the heart of the enemy's camp. Remember in prayer the work in this field.

COLOMBIA'S GREAT LOSS

A former issue of this paper mentioned the death of one of the graduates from the training school in Costa Rica. We have been waiting for further information before publishing an obituary. This has now come, and we are deeply pained to learn that our young brother, Luis Murcia, met a violent death at the hand of an assassin along a lonely road.

After his graduation, about one year ago, Brother Murcia answered a call to enter evangelistic work in Colombia. He had already endeared himself to the people for whom he labored; and because of his genuine consecration and general fitness for the work for which he had been well trained, the leaders counted on him developing into a very strong worker.

Aside from his mother, who sacrificed to give her boy a Christian education, and the devoted young woman, who was about to join him in his work for

God in Colombia, many others mourn the loss of this promising young man. May God hasten the day of reunion; and to that end may we all renew our consecration for more earnest effort for the lost.

MEXICAN UNION MISSION

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"EVERY ONE A WORKER"

C. E. Moon

Brother José Rubi M., the local elder of the Torreón church, is very anxious to see carried into effect their plan to give every one of their members something to do to win souls to Christ. This church has celebrated several baptisms of late and the elder informs me that they will have to make just twice as many benches as they now have, as their church is full of enthusiastic workers.

When the time of the Harvest Gathering campaign came, everybody in the church was astir and glad to do his part. First the elder went out to get his personal goal of 50 pesos. And the members joined in as they could. The Torreón church was the first church in the mission to pass its goal and Brother Rubi was the first lay pastor to get his goal. That church seems to be full of life and enthusiasm and impresses one who visits it with the spirit of brotherly love which prevails.

They work the town from block to block with a tract, perhaps on the nearness of Christ's coming, and then as they find interested persons they begin using the new tract, "Hope of the World." Then as their readers become more interested, they call for the elder or deacon, Brother Rubi or Brother Mendieta, to come and give Bible studies.

I thought as I noted their joy in these new candidates who have given themselves to Christ, what a great work could be accomplished if all of our churches would consecrate themselves to a similar work! This work will not be finished by great oratory nor by the wisdom of man. But when all of our people catch this layman's spirit to carry this message to every house in every block in town, to every town and hamlet, to every isolated ranch house, then this old world will be lighted with the glory of God.

RURAL SCHOOLS IN CENTRAL MEXICO

J. A. Salazar

The rural mission schools were established by our pioneer worker, Pastor C. E. Moon, and although he is not here now as director of the Central Mission, his works follow him.

In Santa Cruz, Puebla, we have a group of believers and it was a great privilege for the writer to visit them, for I always find a cordial welcome. They had heard of the good work that our schools had done in other places, and during a visit that I made to that town, several of the brethren came and asked for a teacher. After considerable discussion, and the sending of many letters and telegrams, the mission sent Maria Abrego and her mother to work in this place. During the nine months that the school continued, I visited the place several times and always found the teacher very busy in her work and the children studiously engaged in their lessons.

For years the children grew up here without school privileges. So naturally nearly all of the children were unable to read. Thus, to the parents and to me it was inspiring picture to see that these children after nine months were able to read, write, work problems and recite their lessons well. Brother Omana, with tears of gratitude for the work that had been done, spoke to the children of how great had been their privilege in having a teacher come to them to instruct them.

That night soon after the Sabbath many people gathered together in spite of the rain to enjoy a program given in honor of the national holiday. All were very much inspired as they listened to the children who presented their parts very well.

Señorita Abrego and her mother, during their stay in this place, in their spare moments had visited the families to study with them. Each night they met together to study the Sabbath school lesson, and the result was that many persons for the first time received their honor cards. In addition, three young ladies were baptized.

"I am very desirous that the light contained in my books shall come to every soul possible; for God has sent the message for all."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 74.

Christian Home Circle

TRUST

*O tired heart!
God knows;
Not you, nor I,
Who reach our hands for gifts
That wise love must deny.
We blunder when we fain would do our
best,
Until a-weary; then we cry, "Do thou
the rest!"
And in His hands the tangled threads
we place
Of our blind weaving, with a shamed
face.
All trusts of ours He sacredly will keep.
Rest, tired heart; God knows; go thou
to sleep.*

—Selected.

NERVE CONTROL

Mrs. W. B. Votaw

Mother was busy making shirts for the boys. It was nearly dinner-time; but by hurrying, one shirt could be finished early in the afternoon. Just then in came John, the eldest boy, calling, "Mother, mother, do you know what?"

"No. Now what is the matter, John?"

"Oh, I have a puncture in my bicycle tire. Can't you please, come out and fix it right now?"

And, of course, "right now" to the boy meant "right now," and not when the shirt was finished. So mother dropped her sewing and went out to patch tires, which might be only a few minutes' work, or a long, tedious task, trying to find the tiny hole in the tube where a rose thorn had worked its way in.

Then, just in the midst of patching the tire, out came Delbert, saying, "O mamma, Fred is playing in the water in the bathroom, and has poured water all over himself."

So mother dropped the tire patching, and went to find two-year-old Fred, just having a glorious time playing in the water. The weather was too chilly to let him run around very long in wet clothing, and so she found something for Fred to do which would keep him out of mischief for the time being.

Then back to the tire patching. That was finally completed, and mother discovered that Baby Ruth needed atten-

tion, and that she was getting sleepy; so mother took care of Ruth, and put her into her little crib for a nap, and with a sigh went back to the sewing.

However, she did not have a very long time of uninterrupted work before Delbert came crying into the house, and climbed up on mother's lap. When he had finished sobbing, mother found out the cause, as Delbert explained:

"Mother, I was riding the bicycle, and it went into the ditch."

"Why, son, I thought you had learned to ride quite well. How did it ever happen to fall into the ditch? I thought you had no trouble in keeping on the road any more."

"Well, I was trying to see just how close I could ride to the edge of the



ditch, and the wheel slipped in, and I fell onto the handle bars and hurt myself."

Mother stopped to tell him the story of the man who was desirous of hiring a driver, but before choosing asked each applicant how close he could drive to the edge of a precipice without going over. And she told him that the man finally chose the driver who said he would keep as far away from the precipice as possible. Delbert then ran out to ride, and tried to remember to keep away from danger.

Again mother went back to her sewing, but could see very little progress when dinner-time came.

This was mother's experience of only an hour or so; but every day was made up of some experiences just like these, only some days were more trying, more

nerve-racking; for many times the children seemed to be bent on doing as much mischief as possible, and making as much noise as possible. Whenever it rained, or was too hot to venture out of doors, the four children could make the tiny house ring with the noise of their play, and the mother felt many times as if she could not stand the noise another minute. However, she knew that for the sake of the children, as well as for her own sake, she must keep calm, and never let the children know that they were irritating her in the least; for how could she train the children to be calm and self-controlled, if by the high pitch of her voice, or by nervous, quick actions she showed that she had lost control of herself.

All she could do was to lift her heart in prayer to God, and ask Him to help her to control herself, and thus help her to train the children firmly and justly. The words of Sister White would come often to this mother's mind, and were a help to her when things were going especially hard. This instruction may be a help to other tired, nervous mothers:

"Parents, when you feel fretful, you should not commit so great a sin as to poison the whole family with this dangerous irritability. At such times set a double watch over yourselves, and resolve in your heart not to offend with your lips, that you will utter only pleasant, cheerful words. Say to yourselves, 'I will not mar the happiness of my children by a fretful word.' By thus controlling yourselves, you will grow stronger. Your nervous system will not be so sensitive. You will be strengthened by the principles of right. The consciousness that you are faithfully discharging your duty, will strengthen you. Angels of God will smile upon your efforts, and help you. When you feel impatient, you too often think the cause is in your children, and you blame them when they do not deserve it. At another time they might do the very same things, and all would be acceptable and right. Children know, and mark, and feel these irregularities, and they are not always the same. At times they are somewhat prepared to meet changeable moods, and at other times they are nervous and fretful, and cannot bear censure. Their spirit rises up in rebellion against it. Parents want all due allowance made for their state of mind, yet do not always see the necessity of making the same allowance for their poor children. They excuse in themselves that which, if seen in their children who

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WITH OUR MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

MAKING THE MOST OF 1936

Dear young people, you have crossed the threshold of another year; and our earnest prayer for you is that it may be your best and happiest year so far. It will be if you make the most that can be made of it. God wishes you to have a year of happiness and success; and He is not only waiting to give you the blue-print for such a year, but He also stands ready to give you just the wisdom and courage and strength you need to make 1936 your best year yet.

Through the Bible Year, the Morning Watch, the Standard of Attainment plan, He will give you special help; and I am sure that He guided in the selection of M. V. Reading Course books that will help you in your efforts to make the most of 1936,—if you will make the most of the Reading Course books.

Then will you not join our large reading circle? Good books are like goods friends. They help us to build strong characters, they make us better home folks, better friends, and better workers. Do you want to be a supremely good worker?—Then read only supremely good literature,—but be sure to read that.

Finally, put the good things you read into practice. Look for opportunities every day to do something for Jesus, remembering that what we would do for Him “must needs be done for others.” In this way you will be making the most out of 1936.

WHAT DO YOU LOOK FOR?

Did you ever stop to consider how much easier it is to see the bad in people and believe the bad about people than the good?

Once upon a time rumors started in a certain school about a certain young man, reflecting on his honesty. They grew and grew and GREW. Finally the faculty investigated, and found them to be all false.

And then the principal of that school stood up in chapel and gave his students a lesson they will never forget. He held in his hand a large sheet of white paper with a very small spot

in one corner. “What do you see here?” he asked. Instantly a chorus of voices answered: “A dot, a *black* dot.” Then the good man’s eyes snapped and he said: “That’s the trouble with you young people! Here’s a sheet of paper at least three feet square and not one of you can see it. But you *all* see the small black dot I put there to test you out.” And then he went on to speak of rumors, and what they do to reputations and to characters.

As I have said, nobody who heard that lesson has forgotten the forceful illustration used. Perhaps you will remember it, too.—*Lora E. Clement, in Youth’s Instructor, October 22, 1935.*



During 1936 sow in the garden of life what you will be glad to reap later.

CHARLIE HOWE’S MISSIONARY NICKLE

Charlie Howe was a close friend and namesake of Bishop McCabe (then Chaplain McCabe). The chaplain was very busy in those days raising money for the missionary society. He talked much of his hopes and successes, and the boy became interested in the work so dear to his friend. One day he came to his mother, saying, “I want to write a letter to Chaplain McCabe, and send this money.” He insisted on his mother holding his little hand and guiding it while he dictated the following:

“Dear Chaplain: I am glad you’re getting a million dollars for missions. I send you five cents to help, and if you want any more, just write to me.

“Charlie McCabe Howe.”

Bishop McCabe said last year: “That five cents has won for the church three hundred thousand dollars. It was a great gift and a great letter. I have told the story twenty years, and it always touches hearts and brings a response.”—*Sunday School Times*

THE FRIEND YOU NEED

“There are special experiences of loneliness in every life for which Christ is needed. Youth is one of these times. Youth seems happy and light-hearted. Companionships swarm all about it. But oftentimes a young person feels lonely even amid such scenes and friendships. A life is new to him. As his soul awakes a thousand questions arise demanding answer. He is in a world with a thousand paths, and he must choose in which he will walk. Everything is mysterious.

“There are perils lurking on all sides. Choices must be made. Lessons must be learned. All is new, and at every step the voice is heard, ‘You have not passed this way heretofore.’ This loneliness of inexperience, when a young soul is taking its earliest steps in life, is one of the most trying and painful feelings of all the years. If Christ be not then the companion, lonely and perilous indeed is the way. But if He walks beside the young soul in its inexperience all is well.”—*J. R. Miller in “The Every Day of Life” pp. 115, 116.*

“As God blesses the minister and the evangelist in their earnest efforts to place the truth before the people, so He will bless the faithful canvasser.”—*“Testimonies,” Vol. VI, p. 340.*

“The humble, efficient worker who obediently responds to the call of God, may be sure of receiving divine assistance.”—*“Testimonies,” Vol. VI, p. 340.*

A GREAT REMOVER

It is stated that alcohol will remove stains from summer clothes. This is correct. It will also remove:

The summer clothes.

The winter clothes.

The spring clothes.

The fall clothes, not only from the back of the man who drinks it, but from his wife and children as well.

Alcohol will also remove:

A good reputation.

A man’s business.

A man’s friends.

A happy look from children’s faces.

A prosperous man to a pauper’s grave.

A man from respectable society to the penitentiary.

A man from the highway of Heaven to the road to hell.

—*The Gideon.*

OUR WORKERS' CORNER

A SURE FOUNDATION

Mrs. E. G. White

"Wherefore the rather, brethren," says the apostle Peter, "give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall; for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 1:10, 11.

Years ago, when the company of believers in the soon coming of Christ was very small, the Sabbath-keepers at Topsham, Maine, met for worship in the large kitchen in the home of Brother Stockbridge Howland. One Sabbath morning Brother Howland was absent. We were surprised at this, because he was always so punctual. Soon he came in, his face aglow, shining with the glory of God. "Brethren," he said, "I have found that we can pursue a course of action regarding which the guarantee of God's word is, 'Ye shall never fall.' I am going to tell you about it."

He then told us that he had noticed that one brother, a poor fisherman, had been feeling that he was not as highly respected as he ought to be, and that Brother Howland and others thought themselves above him. This was not true but it seemed true to him; and for several weeks he had not attended the meetings. So Brother Howland went to his house, and knelt before him saying, "My brother, forgive me. What is it that I have done?" The man took him by the arm, and tried to raise him to his feet. "No," said Brother Howland, "what have you against me?" "I have nothing against you." "But you must have," said Brother Howland, "because once we could speak to one another, but now you do not speak to me at all, and I want to know what is the matter."

"Get up, Brother Howland," he said. "No," said Brother Howland, "I will not." "Then I must get down," he said, and he fell on his knees, and confessed how childish he had been and how many evil surmising he had cherished. "And now," he said, "I will put them all away."

As Brother Howland told this story, his face shone with the glory of the Lord. Just as he had finished, the fish-

erman and his family came in, and we had an excellent meeting.

Suppose that some of us should follow the course pursued by Brother Howland. If when our brethren surmise evil, we would go to them, saying, "Forgive me if I have done anything to harm you," we might break the spell of Satan, and set our brethren free from their temptations. Do not let anything interpose between you and your brethren. If there is anything that you can do by sacrifice to clear away the rubbish of suspicion, do it. God wants us to love one another as brethren. He wants us to be pitiful and courteous. He wants us to educate ourselves to believe that our brethren love us, and to believe that Christ loves us. Love begets love.

Do we expect to meet our brethren in Heaven? If we can live with them here in peace and harmony, we could live with them there. But how could we live with them in Heaven if we can not live with them here without continual contention and strife? Those who are following a course of action that separates them from their brethren, and brings in discord and dissension, need a thorough conversion. Our hearts must be melted and subdued by the love of Christ. We must cherish the love that He showed in dying for us on the cross of Calvary. We need to draw closer and closer to the Saviour. We should be much in prayer, and we must learn to exercise faith. We must be more tender-hearted, more pitiful and courteous. We shall pass through this world but once. Shall we not strive to leave on those with whom we associate, the impress of the character of Christ?

Our hearts need to be broken. We need to come together in perfect unity, and we need to realize that we are the purchase of the blood of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Let each one say, "He gave His life for me, and He wants me, as I go through this world, to reveal the love that He revealed in giving Himself for me." Christ bore our sins in His own body on the cross, that God might be just, and yet the justifier of those who believe in Him. There is life, eternal life, for all who will surrender to Christ.

I want to see the King in His beauty. I want to behold His matchless charms. I want you to behold Him, too. Christ will lead His redeemed ones beside the river of life, and will explain to them all that perplexed them in this world. The mysteries of grace will unfold before them. Where their finite minds discerned only confusion and broken purposes, they will see the most perfect and beautiful harmony.

Let us serve God with all our capabilities, with all our intelligence. Our intelligence will increase as we make use of that which we have. Thus we shall climb round after round of the ladder reaching to Heaven, until at last we step from off the topmost round into the kingdom of God. Let us be Christians in this world. Then we shall have eternal life in the kingdom of glory.—(From "Testimonies," Vol. IX, pp. 191-194.)

A VICTORY WON

Eliel Almonte

Spiritualism has many followers throughout the entire length of Chile. Everywhere there are people who say that they suffer much from evil spirits and are tormented by them.

Not long ago one of these troubled persons began to come to the Sabbath school and other services in the Provenir church in Santiago. As long as this lady was in our meetings she enjoyed undisturbed peace, but just as soon as she reached her home, the tormenting began. She continued to come to Sabbath school and tried to free herself of these evil spirits. She asked that her case be made a special object of prayer and she, too, prayed sincerely, pleading for freedom from this torment. However, the fight seemed to become harder as the days grew into weeks, but the love for the truth which she had found, continued to increase, also.

After a number of weeks this woman wished to become a regular member of the Sabbath school. She said she especially enjoyed hearing the mission readings each Sabbath. These seemed to contain something special for her, to help and encourage her in this struggle for freedom and victory.

One Sabbath the readings presented a case similar to her own, and it was stated that through the gospel of Jesus, victory was obtained by the troubled

person. She now renewed her determination to continue her fight with new courage and energy, and her faith in Christ was greatly fortified.

Victory came when she gave her heart unreservedly to the Lord. She was baptized and has ever since lived a calm, peaceful, and happy life in her own home. The evil spirits departed and she says that it seems to her that they never existed or troubled her. She is thankful to the Lord for His deliverance and is working enthusiastically for others who may find themselves afflicted just as she was. She wants other people to receive the peace that Jesus only can give, so that their hearts may be filled with happiness such as she now enjoys in her home with her family.

LIFE

Dr. A. L. Gregory

Life and its antithesis are terms with which many minds are occupied. Death in the ordinary conception is the opposite of life. It is the cessation of the former. We are in the midst of both, but the more comprehensible is death, which is quietude, forgetfulness, loss of life, loss of individuality, loss of identity, disappearance, nonentity. Life in its various expressions is one of the profound problems of the human intellect. We see it in a variation of forms.

Even things apparently inanimate may possess this wonderful gift. Flowers grow and are sweet because they have life. Insects move because they are alive. Vegetation is alive. What is electricity if not a manifestation of something alive? What is gravity? Where is the source of all these motions we behold? Do they not emanate from the Lifegiver? "Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?" Job 11:7.

The germ of life in the seed, grain or acorn, under favorable conditions, begins development and finally we see a plant, or tree with the wonderful capacity of multiplying its specie many times. Thus life provides for the repetition of the individual or thing. Life and death are ever at work in this world. Death is one of the inevitable consequences of sin.

Life in some things is very brief. As an example, a drop of water from a stagnant pool abounds in living things,

that multiply, grow, and die in short periods. On the other hand, there are animals, like the elephant, that develop slowly and live a century.

Physically man is an animal. Morally he ought to be a son of God. His life cycle should have been without end. Anciently he lived about a thousand summers, but gradually at first, then precipitously, life shortened until now it expires in about fifty years. The writer well remembers the first lecture he attended in the Texas University when the dean gave a description of life. He compared life to a ball tossed into the air. Sometimes it goes higher than at other times, but it always returns to earth. Such said the sage is life. One man may live more years than another, but finally all come back to earth.

Can we do nothing to prolong our earthly existence? We surely can. Some persons eat themselves out of life, others drink out their existence. Oh, the multitude who travel a route filled with sickness suffering, and sorrow! By careful study nearly all may add to their felicity in this world and also prolong a useful life to the Biblical seventy or eighty years, be a blessing to themselves and to many of their associates in this little span of time; but the great object of life is to prepare here for the great future which the God of love has promised to them who obey Him.

NERVE CONTROL

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have not their years of experience and discipline, they would highly censure. Some parents are of a nervous temperament, and when fatigued with labor or oppressed with care, they do not preserve a calm state of mind, but manifest to those who should be dearest to them on earth, a fretfulness and lack of forbearance, which displeases God, and brings a cloud over the family. Children, in their troubles, should often be soothed with tender sympathy. Mutual kindness and forbearance will make home a paradise, and attract holy angels into the family circle.

"The mother can and should do much toward controlling her nerves and mind when depressed; even when she is sick, she can, if she only schools herself, be pleasant and cheerful, and can bear more noise than she would once have thought possible. She should not make the children feel her infirmities, and cloud their young sensitive minds

by her depression of spirits, causing them to feel that the house is a tomb, and the mother's room the most dismal place in the world. The mind and nerves gain tone and strength by the exercise of the will. The power of the will in many cases will prove a potent soother of the nerves."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 1 pp. 386, 387.*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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"O how few know the time of their visitation! How few, even among those who claim to believe present truth, understand the signs of the times, or what we are to experience before the end! We are today under divine forbearance; but how long will the angels of God continue to hold the winds, that they shall not blow?"—*Id., Vol. VI, p. 426.*

"In these final hours of probation for the sons of men, when the fate of every soul is soon to be decided forever, the Lord of heaven and earth expects His church to arouse to action as never before. Those who have been made free in Christ through a knowledge of precious truth, are regarded by the Lord Jesus as His chosen, favored above all other people on the face of the earth; and He is counting on them to show forth the praises of Him who hath called them out of darkness into His marvelous light."—*"Prophets and Kings," p. 716.*

"Suppose Christ should abide in every heart, and selfishness in all its forms should be banished from the church; what would be the result? Harmony, unity, and brotherly love would be seen as verily as in the church which Christ first established. Christian activity would be seen everywhere. The whole church would be kindled into a sacrificial flame for the glory of God. Every Christian would cast in the fruit of his self-denial to be consumed upon the altar. There would be far greater activity in devising fresh methods of usefulness, and in studying how to come close to poor sinners to save them from eternal ruin."—*"Testimonies," Vol. V, p. 206.*

As we go forth from the council, let us heed this earnest appeal made by the Spirit of God: "Put on the whole armor of God, and keep your eye steadily fixed on the Captain of your salvation; for there is danger ahead. . . . Soon the warfare will be over, and the victory won, and if you are faithful, you will come off more than conquerors through Him that has loved you. The glorious prize, the eternal weight of glory, will then be yours."—*Id., Vol. V, p. 309.*

STATISTICAL REPORT

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
NAME OF CONFERENCE OR MISSION	Number of Churches	Membership at Beginning of Quarter	Members added during quarter	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 Cavassers	Total Laborers	Total Title Receipts	Tithe Per Capita	Total Offer- ings to For- eign Missions (except as no- ted under 20)
1 Antillian Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2 Bahamas Mission	14	485	14	..	..	..	..	..	59	440	3	2	5	..	10	..	..	..
3 Cayman Isls. Miss.	3	94	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	98	..	1	1	..	2	352.66	.83	..
4 Cuba Conference	33	1,648	16	..	..	3	11	5	..	1,645	7	4	4	18	33	65.06	.78	1.72
5 Haiti Mission	55	2,632	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,632	8	3	17	5	33	3,012.04	2.30	161.34
6 Jamaica Conf.	88	4,926	238	4	27	15	56	23	..	5,101	11	5	15	18	49	1,265.37	.55	22.95
7 Puerto Rico Miss	14	701	24	..	5	3	3	4	..	720	4	5	5	8	22	5,229.73	1.10	1,821.32
8 Santo Domingo M.	10	743	36	..	..	..	..	..	..	779	4	1	8	6	19	1,795.70	2.98	169.44
Union Totals	217	11,229	330	6	32	21	70	32	59	11,415	39	21	59	55	174	12,808.04	1.27	2,259.98
9 Caribbean Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	7	..	10	..	..	..
10 French W. I. Miss.	5	178	12	..	..	..	1	..	..	189	..	1	3	4	9	457.57	4.20	175.40
11 Guiana Conference	25	1,274	40	..	15	8	6	10	..	1,305	4	..	9	10	24	1,036.14	.88	16.25
12 Leeward Isls. Conf.	31	2,201	48	..	24	4	19	18	..	2,232	3	2	5	4	15	2,081.78	1.16	86.52
13 South Carib. Conf.	56	3,453	36	1	16	12	16	17	2	3,459	7	2	9	11	32	3,503.02	1.10	129.44
Union Totals	117	7,106	136	1	55	24	42	45	2	7,185	15	7	33	29	90	7,078.51	1.13	407.61
14 Central Amer. U.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	12	..	16	..	..	..
15 Br. Honduras Miss.	14	617	2	..	10	4	..	10	..	615	1	1	2	2	6	678.52	1.37	72.06
16 Costa Rica Miss.	7	329	..	..	10	1	3	7	..	328	1	1	2	..	4	689.35	2.44	216.80
17 Guatemala Mission	4	327	6	..	..	5	5	4	8	311	1	2	4	7	14	289.44	1.20	332.43
18 Honduras Mission	7	219	17	..	2	..	..	2	..	238	1	1	3	1	6	711.17	4.26	2.67
19 Nicaragua Mission	5	236	7	..	3	2	..	14	..	242	2	..	4	2	8	398.64	1.98	231.89
20 Panama Conference	30	1,417	25	..	13	7	6	14	2	1,426	2	..	5	2	9	3,080.83	2.10	1,038.98
21 Salvador Mission	6	320	13	..	1	..	..	..	..	334	1	2	2	3	8	348.27	1.13	546.19
Union Totals	73	3,465	70	..	39	19	14	37	10	3,494	11	9	34	17	71	6,196.22	1.96	2,441.02
22 Colombia-Ven. U.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3	..	6	..	..	..
23 Atlantic Col. M.	7	337	42	..	..	..	14	..	..	365	..	..	4	6	10	586.42	1.82	270.78
24 Central Col. M.	8	248	3	14	14	..	10	12	..	256	1	..	4	2	5	812.47	4.98	165.03
25 Curacao Mission	2	67	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	69	1	..	1	..	2	347.81	7.73	386.36
26 Pacific Colombia M.	8	275	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	288	1	1	5	3	10	447.79	2.56	324.71
27 Upper Magdalena M.	4	204	11	..	1	1	..	2	..	211	1	1	2	2	5	353.51	2.20	37.11
28 Venezuela Mission	8	408	26	..	4	4	8	..	..	426	2	..	9	4	15	883.19	1.99	368.77
Union Totals	37	1,539	99	14	19	6	36	14	..	1,615	6	4	26	17	53	3,431.19	2.62	1,552.76
29 Mexican Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	4	..	8	..	..	..
30 Central Mex. Miss.	12	863	28	..	..	2	..	..	..	889	1	3	6	13	23	1,291.40	1.97	82.81
31 Gulf Mex. Miss.	20	715	23	..	3	..	..	..	..	741	5	2	4	21	32	619.09	.96	225.24
32 Lake Mission	6	260	32	..	6	2	..	..	..	296	2	..	4	8	14	346.50	1.49	44.96
33 Tehuantepec Miss.	48	1,564	48	..	2	..	..	..	..	1,610	5	3	4	13	25	1,102.20	.87	145.35
Union Totals	86	3,402	131	..	9	6	..	..	..	3,536	14	11	22	55	102	3,359.19	1.20	498.36
34 Inter-Amer. Div.	217	11,229	330	6	32	21	70	32	59	11,415	39	21	59	55	174	12,808.04	1.27	2,259.98
35 Antillian Union	117	7,106	136	1	55	24	42	45	2	7,185	15	7	33	29	90	7,078.51	1.13	407.61
36 Caribbean Union	73	3,465	70	..	39	19	14	37	10	3,494	11	9	34	17	71	6,196.22	1.96	2,441.02
37 Central Am. Union	37	1,539	99	14	19	6	36	14	..	1,615	6	4	26	17	53	3,431.19	2.62	1,552.76
38 Col.-Ven. Union	86	3,402	131	..	9	6	..	..	..	3,536	14	11	22	55	102	3,359.19	1.20	498.36
Division Totals	530	26,741	766	21	154	76	162	128	71	27,245	89	54	186	173	508	32,873.15	1.39	7,159.73

TEN-MINUTE CHURCH MISSION-
ARY SERVICES

March 7

Missionary Topic: "Magazines as Missionary Literature"

Text: Psalms 68:11.

Suggestions: "Let us now, by the wise use of periodicals and books, preach the Word with determined energy, that the world may understand the message that Christ gave John in the Isle of Patmos. . . . Our publications should go everywhere."—"Colporteur Evangelist," p. 101.

Magazines have played an important part in giving this message from the beginning. It was in 1848 the first paper, *Present Truth*, made its appearance, and ever since our literature in tracts, papers, and books, small and large, has done much to present the truth. Particularly is smaller literature practical today. It is cheap and thus provides missionary "tools" for many families. It is brief and to the point and that counts today when many have limited time. These two points score heavily in these lands where millions have little or no income, and where those who can buy are labeled "in transit"—

running over the surface of the earth with little time to read or study.

Besides, magazines appear regularly, bringing connected story and study, accompanied by condensed facts and statistics in current events. Many times the busy man, the indifferent person, and even the irreligious, have had their attention riveted upon eternal things through these magazine presentations.

There is another approach through this agency also; that of the possibility of reaching a great number through the efforts of our consecrated laity in addition to the regular colporteur. We have reached the time when God's Spirit is being poured out in large measure, the days when thousands are to be seen visiting the homes of the people. That these thousands, many of whom cannot for various reasons join the ranks of the full-time worker, may be equipped with a message for the public, God has provided the magazine facilities. These papers are making trumpet-tongued orators of many lay men and women, and souls are being won.

March 14

Missionary Topic: "Youth in Church Work."

Text: 2 Tim. 3:14, 15.

Suggestions: Youth is the growing period of life. Through the partaking of healthful nourishment and vigorous exercises we gradually grow physically into manhood and womanhood. Note the case of Timothy. He had received spiritual food from childhood, but as in physical, so in the spiritual, we must exercise and eat in order to develop normally. "Unless these energies are directed into right channels, they will be used by the youth in a way that will hurt their own spirituality."—"Gospel Workers," p. 211.

As we read God's Holy Word we find that it gives much space to the adventures of youth in the work of God. We need only mention some of their names, for you will recall the story of each in turn. There was Joseph, Joshua, Esther, Ruth, David, Daniel and a host of others in the Old Testament. When the Saviour, Himself a young man, chose the little group of men to be associated with Him in His earthly ministry and later pioneer the cause of Christ in all the world, He chose young men. They began their career for God in their youth in practically every case. When we read in the book, "Education," p. 262, "Many a lad of today, growing up as did Daniel . . . will yet stand in legislative assemblies . . . as a wit-

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Statement of the Mission Funds of the Inter-American
Division for the First 39 Weeks of 1935

	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
	Total Sab- bath School Contributions (to Foreign Missions)	Mission Offerings per Capita	Total Contri- butions for Home Mission Work	Total Contri- butions for Local Church Work	No. of Sab- bath Schools	Membership	Goal per Week per Member	Membership 1933	Goal to Date	Amount Raised	Amount Short	Amount Over	Average per Week per Member
1	111.10	.26	16.28	30.99	17	515	.08	423	1,319.76	644.48	675.28	.....	.04
2	67.67	.84	.....	2.50	5	123	.08	83	258.96	115.19	143.77	.....	.07
3	794.54	.73	.....	78.21	87	3,090	.12	1,307	6,116.76	3,622.54	2,494.22	.....	.04
4	533.56	.24	.....	.....	72	4,975	.08	2,280	7,113.60	2,194.04	4,919.56	.....	.02
5	1,354.91	.67	.....	521.50	120	7,240	.08	4,736	14,776.32	6,140.71	8,635.61	.....	.03
6	479.04	1.08	.....	191.25	31	1,326	.20	603	4,703.40	2,949.15	1,754.25	.....	.13
7	435.33	.75	27.64	63.82	20	2,500	.20	690	5,382.00	2,529.72	2,852.28	.....	.09
8	3,776.15	.60	43.92	888.27	352	19,769	.10+	10,122	39,670.80	18,195.83	21,474.97	.....	.05
9	106.53	2.59	.....	60.89	12	238	.18	109	765.18	540.07	225.11	.....	.13
10	288.01	.26	.....	265.13	33	1,419	.07	1,175	3,207.75	1,030.36	2,177.39	.....	.02
11	431.37	.29	.....	273.93	37	2,450	.08	1,793	5,594.16	3,075.84	2,518.32	.....	.04
12	559.25	.22	.....	127.92	69	3,801	.08	3,181	9,924.72	4,531.11	5,393.61	.....	.04
13	1,385.16	.29	.....	727.87	151	7,908	.08	6,258	19,491.81	9,177.38	10,314.43	.....	.04
14	306.55	.76	1.20	60.56	19	654	.15	495	2,895.75	1,113.80	1,781.95	.....	.06
15	312.40	1.87	4.61	227.19	11	413	.28	283	3,090.36	1,100.53	1,989.83	.....	.10
16	97.62	1.78	.....	22.33	20	426	.28	242	2,642.64	735.27	1,907.37	.....	.08
17	283.58	1.71	.....	.....	13	299	.28	167	1,823.64	789.11	1,034.53	.....	.12
18	123.27	1.77	.35	.....	12	322	.28	201	2,194.92	646.33	1,548.59	.....	.08
19	886.94	1.31	6.51	656.01	37	1,564	.15	1,470	8,599.50	3,795.72	4,803.78	.....	.07
20	89.97	1.09	.....	.....	14	394	.15	309	1,807.65	820.73	986.92	.....	.07
21	2,100.33	1.43	12.67	966.09	126	4,072	.18	3,167	23,054.46	9,001.49	14,052.97	.....	.07
22	165.99	1.35	.....	42.90	24	610	.25	323	3,149.25	791.81	2,357.44	.....	.06
23	239.52	2.48	.....	86.26	13	395	.25	163	1,589.25	777.57	811.68	.....	.12
24	98.47	10.77	.....	52.82	2	97	.25	45	438.75	730.19	.....	291.44	.42
25	116.90	2.52	.....	69.12	18	348	.25	175	1,706.25	832.59	873.66	.....	.12
26	69.48	.66	.....	37.39	18	366	.25	161	1,569.75	324.46	1,245.29	.....	.05
27	311.03	1.53	.....	88.50	15	456	.25	444	4,329.00	1,304.41	3,024.59	.....	.08
28	1,001.39	1.95	.....	376.99	90	2,272	.25	1,311	12,782.25	4,761.03	8,021.22	.....	.09
29	474.45	.85	58.50	79.82	64	1,618	.20	656	5,116.80	1,204.85	3,911.95	.....	.05
30	196.36	.65	27.08	20.16	42	1,134	.15	648	3,790.80	961.18	2,829.62	.....	.04
31	74.16	.51	5.03	13.29	13	277	.15	232	1,357.20	345.69	1,011.51	.....	.04
32	382.93	.41	182.61	.....	109	2,417	.12	1,273	5,957.64	1,746.92	4,210.72	.....	.04
33	1,127.90	.58	273.22	113.27	228	5,446	.10+	2,809	16,222.44	4,258.64	11,963.80	.....	.04
34	3,776.15	.60	43.92	888.27	352	19,769	.10+	10,122	39,670.80	18,195.83	21,474.97	.....	.05
35	1,385.16	.29	.....	727.87	151	7,908	.08	6,258	19,491.81	9,177.38	10,314.43	.....	.04
36	2,100.33	1.43	12.67	966.09	126	4,072	.18	3,167	23,054.46	9,001.49	14,052.97	.....	.07
37	1,001.39	1.95	.....	376.99	90	2,272	.25	1,311	12,782.25	4,761.03	8,021.22	.....	.09
38	1,127.90	.58	273.22	113.27	228	5,446	.10+	2,809	16,222.44	4,258.64	11,963.80	.....	.04
39	9,390.93	.70	329.81	3,072.49	947	39,467	...	23,667	111,221.76	45,394.37	65,827.39	.....	.05

ness," we may conclude that the time they will witness is when they are older; but not so. They begin in their youth.

Coming to our own movement, we discover that many of its pioneers were young men and women. When Elder and Mrs. James White laid the foundation of this denomination shortly after 1845 they were twenty-four and eighteen years of age respectively. Just as God used young people to begin a mighty movement, so He can use them to continue the work and finish it.

"The church is languishing for the help of young men who will bear a courageous testimony, who will with their ardent zeal stir up the sluggish energies of God's people, and so increase the power of the church in the world." —"Messages to Young People," p. 25. Parents have a first responsibility to train and guide boys and girls in missionary activity. Secondly, the church, yes, every member, should carefully study ways and means of enlisting every young person in some missionary endeavor.

March 21

Missionary Topic: "Soul-Winning Experiences."

Text: Rev. 12:11.

Suggestions: The remnant are to overcome "by

the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony." "Some expect to overcome alone by the blood of the Lamb, without making any special effort of their own. I saw that God has been merciful in giving us the power of speech. He has given us a tongue, and we are accountable to Him for its use. We should glorify God with our mouth, speaking in honor of the truth and of His unbounded mercy, and overcome also by the word of our testimony through the blood of the Lamb.

"We should not come together to remain silent; those only are remembered of the Lord who assemble to speak of His honor and glory, and tell of His power; upon such the blessing of God will rest, and they will be refreshed." —"Early Writings," pp. 114, 115.

The conditions of personal victory and victory for the church are clearly stated in the foregoing Scripture and comment by the Spirit of prophecy.

March 28

Missionary Topic: "Advance Plans for 1936 Missions Extension Effort."

Text: Isaiah 11:11, 12.

Suggestions: Today the God of Heaven is reaching out to save the men and women scattered

in all parts of the earth. In His providence He has impressed His servants to launch out along various lines to reach these dear souls for whom Jesus gave His life.

For the past several years funds raised through the Big Week effort have been used in establishing and maintaining schools, printing plants, and dispensaries. These units in foreign fields have been a great factor in reaching large numbers of honest-hearted souls who, had it not been for the Missions Extension project, might still be in abject heathenism.

This year special emphasis is being placed on the coming Big Week campaign, and the money raised will be used to further the work in needy places where institutions have been established. The Fall Council of the General Conference Committee held in Louisville, Kentucky, October 29 to November 5, adopted the following recommendations:

"WHEREAS, The Missions Extension plan has sharply marked the way of denominational advance in all parts of the world, making possible the establishment and equipping of publishing houses, printing literature in many new tongues, providing mission schools in which many thousands of children and youth are now being trained for service, planting dispensaries

and hospitals where multitudes of people, young and old, have found both spiritual and physical healing, therefore,

"RESOLVED, 1. That the Missions Extension Fund plan be continued in 1936 as an important feature of our world missions program.

"2. That the division conferences outside North America continue to follow the 'Big Week' plan, including the sale of literature, as far as practicable. . . .

"3. (a) That we appeal to all conference and institutional workers and lay members to dedicate a day's income to the Big Week offering.

"(b) That our people be encouraged to raise their Big Week offering through the sale of small books, as well as magazines."

Big Week affords a wonderful opportunity for our people to launch out in the great soul-winning effort. Many will accept the truth as a result, and the money raised will be a great factor in helping the various institutions benefited to go on to greater success.

RELICS OF PAGANISM

The last place one would expect to find support for teachings advanced in *Present Truth* is the *Freethinker*. However, in a recent issue of this organ of atheism an article was published dealing with "Some Elements of Paganism in Christianity," in the course of which the writer sought to show that Sunday, Christmas Day, and other observances were borrowed by Christianity from paganism. In this, as we have frequently pointed out, he is quite correct. These common usages in the popular Christian churches—and he might have included many others—are of pagan origin. No basis is to be found for them in the Bible or the teachings of Christ.

On the question of the Sabbath this writer stated:

"The average Christian, in keeping Sunday as his 'day of rest,' is generally quite sure he is following a divine command, and quite surprised when told that Sunday is nowhere the *Sabbath* in the Bible. . . . The curious reader should—if he can—get hold of one of the bigger works on the Sabbath question written by the Seventh-day Adventists where he will find overwhelming testimony as to the sacredness of the seventh day, that is, Saturday, and the almost criminal substitution by the church of God's divine command in favour of the first day."—*From the English "Present Truth," August 29, 1935.*

"Tolstoi, the greatest of Russian writers and thinkers, predicted in 1910 that modern scientific advance and industrialism would culminate in the destruction of man."

"Whitewashing the pump will not purify the water."

OUR PUBLICATIONS

"Our publications have a most sacred work to do in making clear, simple, and plain the spiritual basis of our faith. Everywhere the people are taking sides; all are ranging themselves either under the banner of truth and righteousness or under the banner of the apostate powers that are contending for the supremacy. At this time God's message to the world is to be given with such prominence and power that the people will be brought face to face, mind to mind, heart to heart, with truth."—*"Testimonies," Vol. VII, p. 150.*

TRUST

"God would not flood me with blessings,
Meaning me only to pine
Amid all the bounties and beauties
He pours upon me and mine.

"Therefore will I be grateful,
And therefore will I rejoice!
My heart is singing within me!
Sing on, O heart and voice!"

"God can make humble men mighty in His service. Those who obediently respond to the call of duty, improving their ability to the very utmost, may be sure of receiving divine assistance. Angels will come as messengers of light to the help of those who will do all that they can on their part, and then trust in God to cooperate with their efforts."—*"Gospel Workers," p. 79.*

"We find it much more successful to carry the Harvest Ingathering campaign on the crest of the wave of enthusiasm than to drag along painfully through the backwash of inertia."—*G. E. Shankel.*

"With almost impatient eagerness the angels wait for our co-operation; for man must be the channel to communicate with man."—*"Desire of Ages," p. 297.*

"For a hundred that can bear adversity, there is hardly one who can bear prosperity."—*Carlyle.*

"Men are valuable just in proportion as they are able and willing to work in harmony with other men."—*Elbert Hubbard.*

"He that teacheth not his son a trade does the same as if he taught him to be a thief."—*Rabbi Judah.*

"It is much easier to find a new way of being bad than to master the old way of being good."—*Kenyon Cox.*

GOD'S WAYS

"God takes men as they are, and educates them for His service, if they will yield themselves to Him. The Spirit of God, received into the soul, will quicken all its faculties. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the mind that is devoted unreservedly to God, develops harmoniously, and is strengthened to comprehend and fulfil the requirements of God. The weak, vacillating character becomes changed to one of strength and steadfastness. Continual devotion establishes so close a relation between Jesus and His disciple that the Christian becomes like Him in mind and character. Through a connection with Christ he will have clearer and broader views. His discernment will be more penetrative, his judgment better balanced."—*"Desire of Ages," p. 251.*

We are happy to learn that all three graduates from the Caribbean Training College this year have entered the Lord's work. One remains as teacher in the school, one has entered the ministry, and one was called to do stenographic work in the union office.

"Standard of Attainment credits in the Caribbean Union show that 656 persons have received Standard of Attainment certificates and 75 of that number have also received the six seals, and are prepared to begin at once on the Study and Service League plan."—*The Field gleanings.*

"The tendency to persevere, to persist in spite of hindrances, discouragements, and impossibilities—it is this that in all things distinguishes the strong soul from the weak."—*Carlyle.*

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INFIDEL SAYS ADVENTISTS ARE RIGHT

In company with Pastor Lugenbeal we called upon one of the rich men in Dagupan, Pangasinan. We were kindly received into his large home and proceeded to give our canvass. At the close, our friend told us frankly that he never gave to Christianity because he was an infidel; he told us that he would give all he had to destroy Christianity, but he could not give a centavo to support it. On the wall were hanging large pictures of famous infidels such as Ingersoll and Voltaire and we knew from this he meant all he said. However, he told us that our educational and medical work appealed to him and he would think it over and if he could give without aiding Christianity he would do so the next day. But as we talked to him he decided to make his gift then and he gave us ten pesos at once.

I think he rather surprised himself by giving, for he at once turned to his son and said, "What do you think, I have given ten pesos to Christianity." This made the son, who was a Christian, quite happy and he gave us five pesos for himself, adding that he was certainly surprised that his father had given, for he had never known him to do so before. Before leaving the home, the infidel explained why he had given. He said he did not believe the Bible, but if he did believe it, he would be a Seventh-day Adventist, for we had the right Sabbath. He promised to read any book we would send him, and we are planning to send, "Famous Infidels Who Found Christ." Let us pray for him, brethren, that he may find the truth.

(There is a sequel to this story. The next day, while canvassing here in Manila, this infidel walked in upon us and praised our work so highly that the men we were canvassing gave us fifty pesos.)—*W. H. Bergherm, in Philippine Union Mission Harvest Ingathering Bulletin.*

NEWS NOTES

Council days! First, came on November 26, the opening of the Educational and Missionary Volunteer Councils, the first to be held in the division since its organization in 1922. How grateful we are for the blessings received. We trust that the many delegates in attendance felt amply repaid for their

SONS OF GOD

(1 John 3:1, 2.)

Percy Beaumont

Thou art leading, O, my Saviour,
Step by step, our upward way;
Thou hast made us, by Thy favor,
Sons of God, though formed of clay.
O, what love! And, O, what mercy!
Privilege supreme, sublime:
To be called, though so unworthy,
Children of the King divine.

Thou art leading, O, my Saviour,
Step by step, the path we tread;
Daily drawing us still nearer
Unto Thee, our living head.
O, my blessed Friend, Redeemer,
Sanctifier, Lord, and King;
As Thy love we see still clearer,
We're constrained Thy praise to sing.

Thou art leading, O, my Saviour;
Soon we'll always be like Thee;
Soon in glory, might and power,
Thine appearing we shall see.
O Thou, whose love eternal
Took our hearts of earthly sod,
Reign forever, King supernal,
For Thou made us sons of God.

trip. Then came the busy days of the division council, with its many problems to solve. We felt the presence of the Lord with us, as we prayerfully laid plans for the work of the Inter-American Division for another year.

Inter-America was especially favored in having the presence of Pastors W. A. Spicer and C. L. Bond with us during the council days and in visiting the fields following. And we were glad for the help of Brother J. M. Rowse, representing the Pacific Press of Mountain View, California. Brother Rowse and Pastor Spicer made a trip to Costa Rica, while Pastor Bond visited churches in Panama.

Pastors E. E. Andross and W. A. Spicer sailed December 29 for the Caribbean Union meetings. Pastor C. L. Bond had sailed with Pastor W. R. Elliott a little earlier to attend the same meetings.

January 8 Brethren F. L. Harrison, W. A. Bergherm, and D. A. Cone sailed for Trinidad to join the workers in the Caribbean Union meeting. Pastor Bergherm will also assist in colporteur institutes in the Caribbean Union, accompanied by Brother C. A. Edwards the new Union Field Missionary Secretary, who will have arrived by that time. On his way home, Pastor Bergherm plans to attend institutes in the Colombia-Venezuela Union.

Professor W. L. Adams, Educational Secretary of the Inter-American Division, made a short trip to our training

school in Costa Rica to attend the graduation exercises and to look after the educational needs of the field.

S. S. "La Reina del Pacífico" arriving December 19 from Lima, Peru, brought several missionaries on their way to the States, and we were happy to have them stop over for a day. They were: Mrs. Arabella Moore and three children, returning to the States from the Inca Union; Mrs. H. M. Colburn, who after needed medical attention expects to return to the Inca Union; and Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Drachenberg from our school in Chillan, Chile, who will take some work in the States before returning to their teaching.

J. B. Ross and family from Bogota passed through on their way to the States to take their furlough.

Professor W. H. Wineland and family from San José, Costa Rica, also sailed recently from Cristobal en route to the States for their furlough.

Pastor and Mrs. C. P. Crager and Miss Lorraine Crager, and Mr. and Mrs. Wild and young son arrived in Balboa January 12 from San José, Costa Rica, to conduct an effort in Panama City for the Spanish people. This is only one of many such efforts now being conducted in many parts of the division. Our prayers are with the workers that many souls may be won this year.

December 30 summer school for the English teachers of the Central American Union was begun. Prof. N. W. Dunn, Educational Secretary of the union, is leading out in a strong way, and we are happy that the teachers can have the benefit of further work in this summer school.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DAY AND WEEK

Missionary Volunteer Week comes next month. This is a time of special prayer and study in behalf of our young people and the great work to which God has called them.

The whole church is urged to join in this time of special prayer on behalf of our youth and the problems and opportunities that confront them.

Please do not fail to observe Missionary Volunteer Week. And while you pray for the young people in your own church and company, kindly also remember those in other places who are struggling with the problems of life.