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God Calls Us to Service

By E. E. Andross

The forerunner of Christ's first advent—John the Baptist—was a diligent student of the prophetic scrolls. "He was ever an interested observer of what was passing in the world. From his quiet retreat he watched the unfolding of events."—*"Desire of Ages,"* page 102. With vision illuminated by the divine Spirit he carefully searched the prophetic writings that he might present clearly to the people his mission to "make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Luke 1:17. The work that John did was typical of the work we are called by God to do today. We too should daily watch with the greatest interest the unfolding of events, knowing that they are certain harbingers of the grand and awful events connected with the closing scenes of this world's history.

Mr. George Lambert, former civil lord of the British admiralty, is reported to have stated, early in February, 1936, in the House of Commons, that "Europe today is one vast arsenal."—*Daily Chronicle*, Georgetown, B. G., February 18, 1936. "A veteran military expert, Gen. Alex Alexin, estimates that should emergency arise, 35,000,000 soldiers could be mustered in Europe for instant service."

We can almost hear the tramp of these millions of men armed with the most destructive implements that science can produce. They are preparing for Armageddon; not consciously, but none the less surely. Mr. Winston Churchill, a prominent British statesman says:

"Without having improved appreciably in virtue or enjoying wiser guidance, mankind has got into its hands for the first time the tools by which it can unfailingly accomplish its own destruction. The nations would do well to pause and to ponder upon their new responsibilities. Death stands at attention,—obedient, expectant, ready to

serve, ready to shear the peoples *en masse*; ready, if called on, to pulverize, without hope of repair, what is left of civilization. He awaits only the word of command."

The Star and Herald, Panama, March 25, 1936, contains the following thrilling statement:

"Carnage or compromise hangs in the European balance, may even tilt the scales of the whole world as statesmen seek a solution for the contretemps [an unexpected, embarrassing occurrence] resulting from the new German army's occupation of the Rhineland."

THE WEIRD OF THE MORROW

You'll be sorry tomorrow, sorry
For the harsh words said to-day.
You will wish you had waited a little,
Till the ill mood passed away.
You will grieve for the friend you wounded,
But you'll grieve, till your heart's sore,
For the strife and sin that entered in
When anger set wide the door.

You'll be sorry tomorrow, sorry
That an old face quivered and broke,
As if a blow had struck it,
At the hasty words you spoke.
You'll be low in your mind tomorrow,
That a little child with dread
At the glance of your eye went hurrying by,
With downcast, drooping head.

You'll be sorry tomorrow, sorry
That you played the cowardly part,
That you hid in a mask of silence
And the hypocrite's hateful art;
For silence is sometimes shameful,
And born of the mean degree,
And it creeps away at the end of the day
To lurk where the mean things be.

Sorry tomorrow? Truly
'Twere better to be content,
And have no guilt to atone for,
No wilful sins to repent.
The word, the look, the action,
By the help of God may wear
That light of Heaven, forever given
In the hush of the answered prayer.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

Just how soon the time will come for the Lord to "destroy them which destroy the earth" we cannot know; but *we do know it will be very soon*. "Those who place themselves under God's control, to be led and guided by Him, will catch the steady trend of the events ordained by Him to take place."—*"Test.,"* Vol. VII, p. 14. With what extreme anxiety we await the development of the future, knowing their portentous meaning to the world; and yet with what joy we hail the approach of that great day that will bring the consummation of our hopes—the coming of our glorious Redeemer.

Can we placidly await the coming storm of God's wrath when He will unsheath His sword against the transgressors of His law? "Let us persuade men and women everywhere to repent and flee from the wrath to come. Let us arouse them to immediate preparation; for we little know what is before us."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. VIII, pp. 252, 253.

Many of our brethren and sisters in the churches are now toiling with unwearied zeal, often far into the night, doing all in their power to awaken the people about them, to call them to repentance and obedience to God's holy commandments. Their labors are being rewarded with much fruit.

Last year 3,428 were received into our churches by baptism. Rich rewards await those who have faithfully labored for others, but how very much more might have been accomplished had all our dear people labored as faithfully, and prayed as fervently and importunately as some have done.

While salvation is not earned as a reward for our labors, it can not be had without sacrificial labor to help save the perishing. In saving others we save ourselves. Those who pass through the

gates into the city of God will be those who hear from the lips of their glorified Lord the ever-blessed words, "Well done thou good and faithful servant: . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

My brother, my sister, you have no time to lose, not a moment to spend in idle gossip or in self-pleasing; no time to spend in mere amusement. Your own salvation, as well as that of others, is at stake. Eternity hangs on those golden moments purchased for you at infinite cost. Haste thee; arouse thee; gird on thine armor and go forth to the conflict. Take your Bibles and some of our good literature in your hands, and with an earnest prayer in your heart go to your neighbors with the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour. The minds of many are now deeply exercised over the meaning of the mighty events that are now transpiring in the world. Others are sleeping on the very brink of eternity entirely unconscious of their imminent peril. How can we let the people pass blindly on to their eternal ruin and not make a supreme effort to save them.

At the close of 1935 we had in this division an army of 514 churches with a membership of 28,132, and Sabbath schools with a membership of 40,090. With such a force properly trained, thoroughly organized, and perfectly united, what may not be accomplished in a very short time in placing this message before all the people in this territory? The command from our great General comes ringing out clearly along the serried ranks of this large army—"Advance!"



YOUR PLACE IN GOD'S WORK

By Mrs. E. G. White

The disciples were to begin their work where they were. The hardest and most unpromising field was not to be passed by. So every one of Christ's workers is to begin where he is. In our own families may be souls hungry for sympathy, starving for the bread of life. There may be children to be trained for Christ. There are heathen at our very doors. Let us do faithfully the work that is nearest. Then let our efforts be extended as far as God's hand may lead the way. The work of many may appear to be restricted by circumstances; but wherever it is, if performed with faith and diligence it will be felt to the uttermost parts of the earth. Christ's work when upon earth appeared

to be confined to a narrow field, but multitudes from all lands heard His message. God often uses the simplest means to accomplish the greatest results. It is His plan that every part of His work shall depend on every other part, as a wheel within a wheel, all acting in harmony. The humblest worker, moved by the Holy Spirit, will touch invisible chords, whose vibrations will ring to the ends of the earth, and make melody through eternal ages.

But the command, "Go ye into all the world," is not to be lost sight of. We are called upon to lift our eyes to the "regions beyond." Christ tears away the wall of partition, the dividing prejudice of nationality, and teaches a love for all the human family. He lifts men from the narrow circle which their selfishness prescribes; He abolishes all territorial lines and artificial distinctions of society. He makes no difference between neighbors and strangers, friends and enemies. He teaches us to look upon every needy soul as our brother, and the world as our field.

When the Saviour said, "Go teach all nations," He said also, "These signs shall follow them that believe: In My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." The promise is as far-reaching as the commission. Not that all the gifts are imparted to each believer. The Spirit divides "to every man severally as He will." But the gifts of the Spirit are promised to every believer according to his need for the Lord's work. The promise is just as strong and trustworthy now as in the days of the apostles. "These signs shall follow them that believe." This is the privilege of God's children, and faith should lay hold on all that it is possible to have as an indorsement of faith.

"They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." This world is a vast lazaret, but Christ came to heal the sick, to proclaim deliverance to the captives of Satan. He was in Himself health and strength. He imparted His life to the sick, the afflicted, those possessed of demons. He turned away none who came to receive His healing power. He knew that those who petitioned Him for help had brought disease upon themselves; yet He did

not refuse to heal them. And when virtue from Christ entered into these poor souls, they were convicted of sin, and many were healed of their spiritual disease, as well as of their physical maladies. The gospel still possesses the same power, and why should we not to-day witness the same result?

Christ feels the woes of every sufferer. When evil spirits rend a human frame, Christ feels the curse. When fever is burning up the life current, He feels the agony. And He is just as willing to heal the sick now, as when He was personally on earth. Christ's servants are His representatives, the channels for His working. He desires through them to exercise His healing power.

In the Saviour's manner of healing, there were lessons for His disciples. On one occasion He anointed the eyes of a blind man with clay, and bade him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam. . . . He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing." The cure could be wrought only by the power of the great Healer, yet Christ made use of the simple agencies of nature. While He did not give countenance to drug medication, He sanctioned the use of simple and natural remedies.

To many of the afflicted ones who received healing, Christ said, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee." Thus He taught that disease is the result of violating God's laws, both natural and spiritual. The great misery in the world would not exist, did men but live in harmony with the Creator's plan.

Christ had been the guide and teacher of ancient Israel, and He taught them that health is the reward of obedience to the laws of God. The great Physician who healed the sick in Palestine had spoken to His people from the pillar of cloud, telling them what they must do, and what God would do for them. "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God," He said, "and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians; for I am the Lord that healeth thee." Christ gave to Israel definite instruction in regard to their habits of life, and He assured them, "The Lord will take away from thee all sickness." When they fulfilled the con-

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FROM THE WAR ZONE IN ETHIOPIA

W. L. Burgan, of the Press Bureau of the General Conference in Washington, D. C., recently furnished further information about conditions in Ethiopia, which he had received from M. J. Sorenson, superintendent of the Ethiopian Union Mission. It seems that Pastor Sorenson was in Dessye on the day our mission hospital was bombed, and he says that of the forty bombs dropped, three hit the institution, badly damaging two rooms and the roof, and destroying some beds and surgical instruments.

Miss Petra Hovig, the nurse, had her leg broken above the ankle as she jumped into a trench in her effort to escape the falling bombs. Emperor Haile Selassie, who was in Dessye at the time, had her sent to Addis Ababa in his airplane that was hidden in the hills near by. There she received medical attention at the Zauditu Memorial Sanitarium and Hospital, which was a gift to our denomination from the ruler of that land.

The emperor visited the hospital accompanied by his son, Prince Makonnen, and a government official, and later watched a surgical operation performed by Doctors Nicola and Stadin. He found our hospital, with a capacity of sixteen beds, occupied by sixty patients, with all rooms and halls crowded, all the patients except two being sick or wounded soldiers. The emperor was impressed as prayer was offered in the Amharic language before the operation. Dr. Stadin, the medical director, is caring for several overflow patients in the Catholic Mission, three miles away, which has placed its buildings at the disposal of the hospital. The government is helping to furnish bandages, medicines and blankets.

Previous to the bombing, forty visiting journalists, who were camped on the compound, were served Thanksgiving dinner there. In connection with the dinner, the newspaper representatives, who styled themselves "representatives of the American, British, French, and Scandinavian press associations, newspapers, newsreel organizations, and photographic agencies," presented to the hospital a gift of 200 thalers, with the suggestion that it be applied "to the commendable purpose of relieving suffering humanity, which you are so conscientiously and so admirably striving to do."

Sabbath School Department

I LOVE TO GO TO SABBATH SCHOOL

(This beautiful song, which may be sung to the tune of No. 276 in "Christ in Song," was sent to us by Brother C. J. Foster.)

1. I love to go to Sabbath school,
I would not stay away;
For I am sure that Jesus will
Be there on time today.
On time, on time, in Sabbath school today,
On time, on time, do not stay away.
Since the Saviour promised to meet with
two or three,
I will never let Him come and not find me.
2. My lessons I have studied over
Every single day
I find so many blessed thoughts
By studying this way.
Study, study, every single day,
Study, study, that's the surest way.
You will find your Bible dearer every day,
If you learn your lessons in the daily-study
way,
3. I'm thinking of the mission field
This truth has never stirred,
Where thousands sit in darkness deep,
Without God's Holy Word.
Send them, send them missionaries true,
Send them, send them, more than one or
two.
There should be a hundred where there is
but one,
And we'll keep on sending till the work is
done.
4. Then when the truth has triumphed
And our work on earth is done,
And all the faithful from all lands
Have to the Lord been won.
Happy, happy, you and I will be,
Millions, millions, in Sabbath school to see
In the heavenly blessings we will have a
share,
And a crown of glory we shall ever wear.

Educational Department

GOING TO CHURCH SCHOOL By Esther M. Adams

In a personal letter to a worker in the division office, Pastor Julio Garcia D. of Venezuela, gave a very interesting description of the way some of our children of the *llanos* go to their church school. We quote:

"We have a small day school functioning with an attendance of from fifteen to twenty pupils. These pupils come as far as three kilometers on foot through mud and water up to their knees, carrying their shoes in their hands. When they arrive at the school they wash their feet, put on their shoes, and enter the school to study from nine to three, then retrace that painful journey, passing through woods infested with millions of mosquitoes and all classes of venomous snakes. During

the school they endure smoke from fires they build to drive out the mosquitoes, which then are not altogether driven out, but the smoke does diminish their attacks. The teacher is a candidate for the next baptism; while learning, she is also teaching the message."

How true it is that often when the way is difficult, when there are many obstacles to overcome, many things unpleasant to endure, we find greater zeal and faith and courage and persistent effort, even on the part of children, than would be manifested if the way were easy. When the church school is just around the corner, or a few minutes' walk down a smooth road, sometimes it is easy to relax in our efforts to be faithful. How these children must prize a Christian education! Our prayer is that they may be trained as workers for this glorious movement.

Health Department

TEETH AND DIET

Teeth are mostly composed of minerals, there being but little other matter in their construction. This, together with the fact that teeth are partly formed before birth, shows the importance of the proper diet for the mother in forming soundly made teeth. Thus the mother should drink much milk and other bone-forming liquids. Fruits and vegetables are also rich in minerals. One of the best yet most inexpensive of the vegetables is the humble carrot, which is so cheap that everyone can make it a regular part of the diet. Cod liver oil is a most valuable aid to the diet of the mother. Halibut oil is a recent addition to the diet, and is easier to take. It is also advisable to use other measures to form sound teeth, such as plenty of rest, water, sunshine, freedom from worry, and other well-known common-sense remedies.

After the baby is born, it is then very important that it be properly fed. It is always true "that the mother's milk is the best possible baby food." The diet for the growing child should be well balanced, consisting of milk, eggs, fruit, and vegetables. It is well to provide considerable amounts of fresh orange juice and diluted lemon juice. Tomato juice, too, is valuable.

Avoid an excessive amount of candy in any form, which causes sugar to deposit on the earth, resulting in fermentation and decay. Rich pastries are also

harmful. Eating between meals is a bad habit, especially sweets. Teeth should be brushed preferably twice daily with a good toothbrush and powder or paste. Cavities in the teeth of babies and young children should not be allowed to develop. And then the child should receive some dental care at least once yearly.—*Frederick S. Balyeat, M. D., D. D. S., in Health, January, 1936.*

Home Missionary Department

THE GOLD STAR

By L. V. Finster

One of the encouraging features of the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Departmental work of the Inter-American Division has been the faithfulness of most of our members in reporting their missionary work done. This co-operation in reporting has made it possible for the division to receive the GOLD STAR from the General Conference Home Missionary Department for the second and also the third quarters of the year 1935. We are hopeful that we may also receive it for the fourth quarter. This GOLD STAR means that the Inter-American Division had the highest reporting membership of all the eleven world divisions, and is leading the world in faithfulness in reporting. The Far Eastern Division received this honor for the first quarter of 1935 and is running us a close race.

So, brethren, may I appeal to every church and company to try and make their church at least a hundred per cent reporting church.

Not only do our reports encourage us down here, but Heaven keeps a record of every act. "Every act of love, every word of kindness, every prayer in behalf of the suffering and oppressed, is reported before the eternal throne, and placed on Heaven's imperishable record."—*"Testimonies," Vol. V, page 133.*

"Angels are commissioned to be our helpers. They are passing between earth and Heaven, bearing upward the record of the doings of the children of men."—*"Christian Service," page 222.*

As these reports come before the heavenly Father, joy fills the heavenly host. "A report is borne to Heaven of every successful effort on our part to dispel the darkness and to spread abroad the knowledge of Christ. As the deed is recounted before the Father, joy thrills through all the heavenly host."—*"Acts of the Apostles," page 154.*

Missionary Volunteer Department

A GOOD MEETING

By Olive Edwards

M. V. Secretary, Leeward Islands Conference

The Leeward Islands Conference session was a time of great spiritual refreshing to those who were able to attend. We counted it a privilege to have with us Pastors W. A. Spicer, E. E. Andross, and C. L. Bond. They lifted us up to higher planes of thought by their inspiring sermons.

Pastor Bond was especially interesting to our Missionary Volunteers. Day after day young people from every church on the island and some from across the seas listened to his soul-stirring talks, which revealed a sympathetic understanding of the problems of young people. Great stress was laid upon the standards of Christian living and new ideals were formed by the young as the Holy Spirit appealed to their hearts.

The plans and resolutions were enthusiastically adopted by the representatives of the various churches. Some of the Missionary Volunteer societies in Barbados are beginning to take hold of the Study and Service League plan and the Progressive classes. Our Missionary Volunteers here are realizing that God wants the best that they can give and for this reason they are preparing themselves "for definite attainments in heart culture, in mind discipline, in hand training, and in service."

We were sorry that more of our Missionary Volunteers could not be present, but we know that the influence of these meetings will extend to them as they were remembered morning after morning in the young people's devotional service.

Let us remember that our Missionary Volunteer Captain is taking the lead, and with courageous hearts and a burning desire to save the lost let us lift up the standard and press toward our goal, for "the love of Christ constraineth us."

Publishing Department

IN OLD NYASALAND

One of our native colporteurs arrived at a village only to find that a colporteur of another denomination was al-

ready there. This man had only reached the place a few hours before our colporteur and had not yet started work. On seeing our man arrive, however, he hurriedly grabbed his bundle of books and made for a group of villagers standing near by. He quickly handed out his books to the villagers to look at and they were so engaged when our colporteur came up to them.

At first he was a little discouraged at the prospect. What hope had he of business when his rival had such a promising start? After watching the faces of the villagers awhile he noticed that they did not appear very interested and so, plucking up courage and with a silent prayer to the courts above, our man stepped up to one of the group and began to canvass him in the orthodox way. He managed to engage his attention successfully and ended by selling him a book. The buyer walked off slowly, reading as he walked. Another villager in the group noticed the incident and, handing his book back to the opposition colporteur, he walked over to our man. Another sale was soon effected and another satisfied buyer moved off.

These two incidents had not escaped the attention of the villagers for they got up one by one and returning their books to the other colporteur, quickly formed a ring around our man. He sold twelve more copies and walked off, leaving his rival wondering wherein lay the charm of our colporteur's wares.

It's the old story. Our literature, says the servant of the Lord, contains "truth essential for this time." We should remember that, fellow colporteurs, and obey the call of the Lord's servant to "exalt the value of the books you offer. You cannot regard them too highly."

Let us all take new courage and inspiration from this native colporteur's experience and press forward with the great work of the literature ministry.—*F. E. Potter, in South African Outlook.*

A CALL TO LABOR WHY?—BECAUSE—

"Men will soon be forced to great decisions, and it is our duty to see that they are given an opportunity to understand the truth, that they may take their stand intelligently on the right side. The Lord calls upon His people to labor—labor earnestly and wisely—while probation lingers."—*"Testimonies," Vol. IX, pp. 126, 127.*

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BITS OF NEWS FROM NICARAGUA*By Ellis P. Howard*

Supt., Nicaragua Mission

Good news has just come from the east coast of Nicaragua. Pastor Frank Fletcher has baptized eleven more Mosquito Indians, at Yulu Wawa near Puerto Cabezas. At Yulu Roger Brooks conducts a school for the Indian boys and girls, and now his Sister Sadie has decided to join him in the school work. Roger receives only a small salary, but he is going to divide it with his sister so as to make the school more efficient and also to add industries for the girls.

His brother, Fritz Brooks, is located among the Indians at Klingna, twelve miles from Yulu, and he also conducts a successful school. Part of those recently baptized were from Klingna. Yulu has now grown to a church of fifty members, all Indians except three or four.

The father of our teachers, Charles F. Brooks, recently returned from a two-months' trip out among the thousands of Mosquito Indians. He writes of several accepting the truth in the various villages and towns on his missionary tour. This brother who accepted the truth some thirty years ago, is a real pillar in the church and a great strength to the Indian work. He is a real self-sacrificing missionary, who loves the truth and without financial aid is doing all possible to advance it. Surely a great reward awaits him in the kingdom if he remains faithful to the end.

His children were born among the Indians and consequently the Mosquito language is their own. I have often written or told Brother Brooks that God has raised up his family and made them responsible for those Indians. May God bless the efforts of this family and keep them all faithful to Him!

By God's blessings on the efforts of Pastor Fletcher and with the cooperation of the loyal church members on the east coast, the English work made good progress during the past year. A new church was added to our list,—the Rio Grande Bar church. We regret to lose Brother and Sister Fletcher, but I am sure that Brother Andrean and family will receive a hearty welcome on their arrival in Bluefields. We are sure

that their efforts under God's blessing, will also produce lasting results.

But of Nicaragua's million people, nineteen out of every twenty speak the Spanish language, and live in the western half of the republic. Our faithful colporteurs are reaching these people with literature, but the minister has scarcely begun his work among them as yet. It seems an enormous task for one lone Spanish worker to reach so many. But truly Providence is leading the way and God is moving on the hearts of the lay members to search for souls. Fifteen to twenty-five persons in three to four new places are beginning to obey. These places should be visited and proper instruction given. Where are the laborers and whom shall we send? We have a great territory here. It is the youngest mission in Central America, and we have scarcely touched the work with our finger tips. May God be our strength and help, and endue us with greater power.

NOTES OF PROGRESS*By C. E. Westphal*

Supt., Honduras Mission

Brother R. T. Rankin has held an effort in Tela, Honduras, with very good attendance. He preached to the English-speaking people three nights a week, and to the Spanish three nights a week. The interest was good, and we pray for a good harvest of souls.

Brother Printemps, who has been following up the interest created by the last effort in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, reports a good interest, and several new Sabbathkeepers.

Brother A. E. Lutz, colporteur leader of Honduras and Nicaragua, reports that the four young men that went to Honduras to canvass are sure to have their scholarships. The Lord has richly blessed these boys in their work. Eduardo Schmidt goes to the States to take the medical course, and the other three, Gilberto Bustamante, Alberto Plata, and Patrocinio Flores, return to the school in Costa Rica.

Brother Vicente Moreno, acting field secretary in Salvador, sends encouraging reports of the colporteur work in the Salvador Mission. The two young ladies from our Costa Rica school have had splendid success canvassing in the capital and their scholarships are already assured.

"Sunshine keeps the world alive. Radiate it."

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BEHOLD THE ATLANTIC COLOMBIA MISSION!*By Henry E. Baasch*

It is just over six weeks ago that I touched once again the soil of the Colombia-Venezuela Union territory, after an absence of almost nine months. As I look back over these last weeks, my heart sings out: "How aimable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts!" How good, how wonderful, how gracious is the Lord to His dear people. In spite of their weaknesses and failures the God of Israel is carrying them on eagles' wings from victory to victory toward that appointed trysting place.

Since the return of Pastor Stewart to the States, the Atlantic Colombia Mission has been without a superintendent; but Pastor Trummer made a trip through it in the early part of 1935. Some groups have been waiting patiently for five years for the visit of a pastor.

This is the only mission in our union where an evangelistic effort has never been held. Notwithstanding these handicaps, the membership has followed the upward curve with admirable constancy, until now it stands at about 350 members. The largest churches we find in Barranquilla, Ciénaga, and Santa Marta. Then there are the smaller groups which are scattered over a considerable area, stretching from the banks of the Atrato and Sinú rivers to the spurs of the Sierra Nevada, the base of the Goajira Peninsula, and the frontier of Venezuela.

Accompanied by our Bible worker, Tirso Escandón, the writer visited all the churches and groups in the departments of Atlantico and Magdalena. We spent sufficient time with each unit to "set in order things that are wanted." Everywhere we found "houses and brethren and sisters and mothers and children and lands," glad to receive us and to attend to our physical needs. In return, it made us happy to give them such as we had, i. e., the treasures of the Advent Message.

Our itinerary came to a close with a five-day church officers' institute in Ciénaga. This was the first institute of its kind which we have held in this part of the field. It proved to be a

great blessing. We had invited thirty-eight officers from the various groups. With two exceptions, all responded to the invitation. Besides the officers, other members from practically every group of believers joined us.

The first meeting was, indeed, a festive occasion. Some had come from considerable distance and at a great personal sacrifice. Our meeting place was filled with the sound of joyful welcome. Many of the brethren and sisters had known each other only by name. How glad they were now to greet one another. One was reminded of the joy that will fill the hearts of God's people when they shall stand on the shore of the eternal kingdom and make their first personal acquaintance with the men and women of all climes and ages, whom we have learned to love and admire through reading about them in the Holy Scriptures and in the pages of the history of God's people through the centuries.

The days of the institute were filled with activity in which everybody took part. If we were asked to state the outstanding features of the institute, we would mention the following:

1. The consciousness that we are all bound together in one world-wide work, brought forth by divine decree and to be led to a glorious and final triumph in the near future.

2. A personal pledge on the part of all present to stand loyally by the financial program of the denomination, returning a faithful tithe to the Lord and supporting generously all the offerings appointed by the denomination.

3. A pledge to take an active part in the different campaigns, such as "Big Week" and Harvest Ingathering."

4. A deeper faith in the Spirit of prophecy and readiness to follow the counsel given to God's people through that channel.

5. The setting of our missionary goal: "An Adventist family in every town and village of the department of Magdalena." This goal includes the scattering of our believers as far as is feasible and winning new families to the faith.

6. The fostering of branch Sabbath schools.

7. The establishment of church schools as soon as possible in every group.

Sabbath was a day of special blessing and full of activity. At 6 A. M. we had a teachers' meeting with full attendance; at 9 A. M. the Sabbath school, and after that, the preaching service.

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COURAGE 'MID DANGERS

By Max Fuss

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"Angels of light and power are ever near to protect, to comfort, to heal, to instruct, to inspire."—"Colporteur Evangelist," page 98. With the new year came new hopes and the setting of new goals, and the reports of the last few weeks demonstrated that our hopes had not been in vain. God is blessing.

While on a trip in the state of Oaxaca in company with Brother Velazquez we visited some very remote places. It seemed that colporteurs had never been over those roads. Early one morning in that section we came to a little settlement where seven orders were received from the nine exhibitions given. The people seemed anxious to receive good literature and although many of the parents could not read, they would call their children and have them read aloud so that they could all be benefited by the book. We are made glad in contemplating how many more such may receive the message of this time.

A few days ago I received a letter from Brother Sulvarán from which I shall quote a few lines: "I remember our past experiences here. Today I passed by that place where with terrified eyes we saw that terrible serpent that I crossed over. I went to examine the little bridge where only Providence delivered me from it. Do you recall when that reptile fell?"

"Very soon I shall be on the road where three people attempted to assault me, and the road where some other men wanted to kill me. I have many memories of these places, but I thank God that I can be here again and I believe that the work I was doing then was not finished, and for this reason the Lord has brought me here again, for which I am very glad."

It is only by the help of the Lord that this brother is able to work in those isolated and dangerous places. We are here to sow the gospel seed and the Lord has promised to help us. At times I feel anxious as I think of this expanse of territory with so few self-sacrificing workers to cover it, and my prayer is, "Lord, send forth workers into Thy vineyard!"

HOW THE HUERTA FAMILY ACCEPTS THE TRUTH

By H. F. House

Department Sec., Mexican Union

From superstition and pitiful ignorance old father Monico Asencion Huerta, seventy-six years of age, along with his faithful wife of seventy-four, has been transformed unto a new life and a new hope. But the marvel of the Huerta home is that not only have father and mother embraced this blessed truth, but all of their sons and daughters, sons-in-law and daughters-in-law, along with the grandchildren, have accepted with joy the message of Christ's soon coming.

Thrilling indeed was the experience that we enjoyed down by the river when eleven members of the Huerta family, including father and mother, were buried in baptism by our first native mission superintendent, Pastor E. Ponce. The entire baptismal class in our little church at Puente de Ixtla was composed of these eleven individuals, who have been faithful in winning the other members of this large family.

In the family group twenty souls can be counted, if the children are included, and old father Huerta explained to me that all of the family attended the services in our church now and that the remaining unbaptized members who are old enough to understand are candidates in the new baptismal class. Certainly this testimony should be an encouragement to all of us who are endeavoring to labor for the salvation of the members of our families.

One of the faithful sons of this family is responsible for the winning of his father and mother. He is a Missionary Volunteer and he began his work in his own home. Is not this a worthy example to follow? I am thankful that the great desire in the mind of God is to have a family—a great family that may live happily in a wonderful home. "Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in Heaven and earth is named." Eph. 3: 13-15.

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"A single expression of appreciation and encouragement will at times turn a human life toward an upward path."

He is happy whose circumstances suit his temper; but he is more excellent who can suit his temper to any circumstances.—Hume.

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THE MARVEL OF RADIO

By R. W. Prince

Radio is not only a marvel, but it is a modern miracle. Of all the inventions of the present age, radio stands out as one of the most wonderful. Think of the distance the human voice can be transmitted with ease and be heard by people seated comfortably in their homes! Without doubt God has given this wonderful invention in our day to carry the message with greater rapidity from one end of the earth to the other.

In Rev. 14:6 is presented an angel flying "in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." Note the expression, "in the midst of heaven." The radio utilizes all the waves of the air and permits the voice to be heard in the midst of heaven and in all parts of the earth. This is a great miracle and we may fittingly say, "For the Lord has done this and it is marvelous in our eyes."

About six months ago we began to broadcast the advent message in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and the result has been splendid. We have received letters of congratulation from different parts of the island and from Santo Domingo. Once in a while an offering comes to help cover expenses. We have received letters from the laity and from ministers of other denominations praising our programs. Some people are definitely interested in the truth. Two young people have already begun to keep the Sabbath. A gentleman wrote me a letter saying that our religious programs were the most serious and complete that he had ever heard. This man is employed in the department of justice.

For the benefit of those who wish to tune in on our programs, we are able to announce that we broadcast from station WNEL of San Juan, Puerto Rico. This station works with a frequency of 1224 kilocycles. We broadcast on alternate Sunday nights from 9:00 to 9:30 P. M. Whatever information you may desire concerning this matter, please direct your correspon-

dence to the writer of this article at Calle Roble No. 115, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

GENERAL MEETING IN PUERTO RICO

By W. H. England

Department Sec., Puerto Rico

During March a public meeting was held in Puerto Rico for the workers and elders of the churches. When the date arrived for the meeting, brethren were seen coming in by train, omnibus, street car, public conveyances and private cars, all directed to Guayama, the chosen site for the assembly.

The Masonic Lodge offered us their hall without cost. Another religious organization loaned us a piano and some chairs. Furniture stores loaned us chairs, beds and mattresses, and the brethren of the Guayama church also nobly opened their homes to provide beds and food. I wish to express our special appreciation to Brother and Sister Pedro Perales for their incessant labor in providing locations for the delegates and brethren of the island.

Pastor Ogden carried the responsibility of the evening services for the public. The hall was filled and many listened outside the windows and doors. His sermons made a favorable impression on the people.

The attendance during the sessions of the day were also good. Among the subjects presented were, "The Christian Home," "The Spirit of Prophecy," "True Sabbathkeeping," "The Christian's Relation to Politics," "Health Reform," and "Spiritual Life in the Church." The department secretaries gave topics relating to their work. The general discussion, or round table, proved a great value to the workers and lay members.

Time did not permit the discussion of many important subjects, but we believe it was a good meeting, and many said it was money well invested. All have now returned to their homes and their field of labor, taking with them the good lessons learned and a new vision and inspiration to share with their respective churches. Surely the Lord greatly blessed our meetings.

"Never despise humble service; when large ships run aground, little boats may pull them off."

Keep yourself cool and equal for anything that may happen, and it will be the better for you.—*Bleak House.*

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FIRST GENERAL MEETING IN FRENCH WEST INDIES

By W. A. Bergherm

Sabbath morning, February 8, Pastor C. L. Bond and the writer reached Fort-de-France, Martinique, to attend the general meeting of the French West Indian Mission. We proceeded immediately to the place of worship, arriving in time for the preaching service. Although we were unable to understand the language of the people, we easily discerned the great appreciation of those present for their first general meeting ever held in the mission. Sunday morning we were glad to greet Brother and Sister C. A. Edwards who were en route to Trinidad to join the force of workers of the Caribbean Union, Brother Edwards to serve as field missionary secretary of the union, his wife to be Missionary Volunteer secretary of the South Caribbean Conference.

Catholicism has a strong hold in the islands of this mission, and it has succeeded in keeping out all other denominations. Seventh-day Adventists are the only Protestant organization in all the field. From the first our work has met strong opposition. In the report presented by the mission superintendent, Pastor A. Orville Dunn, he stated that, "after twenty years of seed-sowing there were only eighty-four baptized members." But it was indeed most encouraging to learn that during the year 1935 alone eighty-two were baptized. For the year 1936 a goal has been set for 125 baptisms. At the present time there are six organized churches with two hundred twenty-six members. There are fourteen Sabbath schools with a membership of two hundred seventy-four.

The lay members are very active in their missionary work as can be seen from the report presented for the two years 1934 and 1935:

	<i>Bible Studies</i>	<i>Missionary Visits</i>	<i>Literature Distributed</i>	<i>Souls Won</i>
1934	8,349	12,746	7,909	42
1935	15,919	28,010	13,210	82

The Missionary Volunteers, under the leadership of Sister Louise Ledran, take an exceptional interest in religious activities, and it was a pleasure to mingle with them. They are 100% faithful in
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Big Week, May 9-16

A BIG WEEK MESSAGE

C. H. Watson

President, General Conference

The first objective of "Big Week" is to place a large amount of soul-saving literature in the hands of the people. . . . The Lord "expects personal service from every one to whom He has entrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time" and the people of the earth in their perplexity and distress, are greatly needing the comfort and blessing of the truth. Shall we hold back from making a special effort in their behalf at this time?

May God bless His people with a mind to serve and succeed in this "Big Week," and give them present blessing as they go forth to sow the precious seed of truth.

OUR FELLOWMEN DEMAND OUR AID

The great needs in every conference and mission for better facilities with which to carry on our work, causes every mission committee great anxiety. We need more money for our established schools and more money with which to establish new schools. In every mission there are many calls for the erection of church buildings that will properly represent our work. We are years behind in every union in establishing health institutions. How can we hope to meet some of these needs? In the past the BIG WEEK funds have assisted greatly in meeting many of these urgent needs. We thank God for what has been done, but today the calls are very great. It seems the Lord has opened the doors faster than we have been able to enter.

Then there is this message from the servant of the Lord ever ringing in our ears:

"A messenger from Heaven stood in our midst, and he spoke words of warning and instruction. He made us clearly understand that the gospel of the kingdom is the message for which the world is perishing, and that this message, as contained in our publications already in print, and those yet to be issued, should be circulated among the people who are nigh and afar off."—*"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 67.*

THE TWO-FOLD BLESSING

Mrs. F. L. Harrison

As another special week of endeavor for our Master approaches, we think of the two-fold purpose of what is known among Seventh-day Adventist believers as the Big Week campaign. Surely there is no better way to place the message before the people of the world than through our soul-saving literature.

"Papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping the message for this time continually before the people. In enlightening and confirming souls in the truth, the publications will do a far greater work than can be accomplished by the ministry of the word alone. . . . The same ministry of angels attend the books that contain the truth as attends the work of the minister."—*"Testimonies," Vol. VI, pp. 315, 316.*

Then as the profits from the sale of this literature are forwarded to the treasury, some long-standing call or

Week campaign \$27,002.57. These funds have been used for specific purposes within our own territory and what a blessing to the advancement of the work. Because the time is far spent, and because of multiplied demands upon our resources, shall we not individually determine to do our very best, with the help so gladly given us from our heavenly Father, to place our message-filled literature into the hands of neighbors and friends during the 1936 Big Week?

BIG WEEK IS MAY 9-16

By L. V. Finster

We trust the date set for the BIG WEEK will be convenient for most of the fields. If, for some special reason, any mission wishes to change this date, notice will be sent to the churches by the mission office.

The receipts from this campaign will be used in most of the missions for local enterprises. Some will use the funds for helping their schools. Others will purchase tents for evangelistic efforts. Others will help in sanitarium work and some in erecting church buildings.

Local missions will inform their churches concerning the objects for which the funds will be used in their respective fields.

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY IN BIG WEEK CAMPAIGN

1. Conference or mission workers—
One day's income, and profits on the sales during BIG WEEK.
2. Institutional workers—One day's income.
3. Laymembers—(a) A day's income.
(b) Literature sales \$1.00 profit.
4. Colporteurs — Profits of biggest day's sales during BIG WEEK.

plea from a group searching for light may be answered; some school may be given additional facilities that our young people may better prepare themselves for Christian service; a small church may be built for believers who otherwise may find it necessary to hold services in a cave or among rocks for protection; or a dispensary may be erected or equipped where the sick not only receive help physically but where they learn of a Saviour who heals the sin-sick soul.

During the last ten years, our believers throughout the Inter-American Division have raised through the Big

THE BUGLE CALL IS SOUNDING

"You who believe the truth for this time, wake up. It is your duty now to bring in all the means possible to help those who understand the truth to proclaim it. Part of the money that comes in from the sale of our publications should be used to increase our facilities for the publication of more literature that will open blind eyes and break up the fallow ground of the heart."—*"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 62.*

The world needs the message that God has so mercifully given to us, and our work needs the money that will come from the sale of the books to the world. What a challenge to the faithfulness of every loyal Seventh-day Adventist to meet the demands of the year 1936.



THE M. V. BIG WEEK GOAL*Mrs. E. E. Andross*

The Big Week is a part of every Missionary Volunteer's program. And the division leaders are counting on our young people raising one-fourth of the Big Week goal. The entire division goal is \$25,000. That makes our M. V. Big Week goal \$6,250. What a fine goal! I am sure we can reach it if we really try. That is less than \$1.00 per capita. But let every M. V. pledge himself to raise \$1.00.

Why?—BECAUSE—

It will help scatter the pages of truth.
You will get acquainted with your field.
It will help to win souls.
It will help build and equip schools.
It will help provide dispensaries.
It will help to build churches.
It will help fit you for Heaven.

From all over this great division come calls for help. Millions sit in darkness. Hundreds of our young people are waiting to be trained for service. There is appalling need of schools, dispensaries, and evangelists.

What will our Missionary Volunteers do about it? Dear young people, God has called you to be His helping hand in such a time as this! Do not disappoint Him in the 1936 Big Week campaign.

EVERYWHERE PEOPLE ARE TAKING SIDES

"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 the truth."—*"Testimonies," Vol. VII, p. 150.*

THE WARNING MUST BE GIVEN

"A far greater effort should be made to extend the circulation of our literature in all parts of the world. The warning must be given in all lands, and to all peoples."—*"Testimonies," Vol. VIII, p. 160.*



Will you do your part?

APPRECIATION*By L. V. Finster*

There is a great inspiration in thinking of our loyal members all over this division as they go forth, "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners," carrying the printed page with the message for today.

We do appreciate the loyalty and faithfulness of our people in all past campaigns and know that we can depend upon them for the call of 1936. I am glad to have been able personally to meet so many of you as I have visited from mission to mission. I can see your faces, in my mind's eye, as I write these words, and wish to thank the Lord for such a faithful band of Seventh-day Adventists.

The church is now militant. Soon it will be triumphant. Soon,—yes, very soon, our warfare will be ended and we can rest. But may God keep us loyal

YOUR PLACE IN GOD'S WORK*(Continued from page 2)*

ditions, the promise was verified to them. "There was not one feeble person among their tribes."

These lessons are for us. There are conditions to be observed by all who would preserve health. All should learn what these conditions are. The Lord is not pleased with ignorance in regard to His laws, either natural or spiritual. We are to be workers together with God for the restoration of health to the body as well as to the soul.

And we should teach others how to preserve and to recover health. For the sick we should use the remedies which God has provided in nature, and we should point them to Him who alone can restore. It is our work to present the sick and suffering to Christ in the arms of our faith. We should teach them to believe in the great Healer. We should lay hold on His promise, and pray for the manifestation of His power. The very essence of the gospel is restoration, and the Saviour would have us bid the sick, the hopeless, and the afflicted take hold upon His strength.

The power of love was in all Christ's healing, and only by partaking of that love, through faith, can we be instruments for His work. If we neglect to link ourselves in divine connection with Christ, the current of life-giving energy cannot flow in rich streams from us to the people. There were places where the Saviour Himself could not do many mighty works because of their unbelief. So now unbelief separates the church from her divine Helper. Her hold upon eternal realities is weak. By her lack of faith, God is disappointed, and robbed of His glory.

It is in doing Christ's work that the church has the promise of His presence. Go teach all nations, He said; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. To take His yoke is one of the first conditions of receiving His power. The very life of the church depends upon her faithfulness in fulfilling the Lord's commission. To neglect this work is surely to invite spiritual feebleness and decay. Where there is no active labor for others, love

THINGS TO REMEMBER DURING BIG WEEK

1. Many worthy, needy projects appealing for help.
2. You may help build new churches or schools, etc.
3. Think what it will mean if every one is faithful!
4. If every member did just like you, how much would Inter-America do during Big Week this year?

and courageous while the battle still rages between good and evil.

Again, we invite every one to do his part in the 1936 BIG WEEK campaign.

ANGELS PREPARE THE WAY

"I saw that the work of present truth should engage the interest of all. The publication of truth is God's ordained plan, as a means of warning, comforting, reproving, exhorting, or convicting all to whose notice the silent, voiceless messengers may be brought. Angels of God have a part to act in preparing hearts to be sanctified by the truths published, that they may be prepared for the solemn scenes before them."—*"Testimonies," Vol. I, p. 590.*

wanes, and faith grows dim.

Christ intends that His ministers shall be educators of the church in gospel work. They are to teach the people how to seek and save the lost. But is this the work they are doing? Alas, how many are toiling to fan the spark

of life in a church that is ready to die! How many churches are tended like sick lambs by those who ought to be seeking for the lost sheep. And all the time millions upon millions without Christ are perishing. (From *"Desire of Ages,"* pp. 822-825.)

Christian Home Circle

SO VERY, VERY TRUE

By Strickland Gillilan

There are no idle words where children are.
Things spoken in their hearing carry far,
Producing fruit of evil or of good
To our great future human brotherhood.

The word dropped lightly from our careless lips
Into the fertile child mind seeps and drips,
And intertwines with thought and impulse so
It may decide the path some soul shall go!

The eager child mind may not know it hears—
The words may fall upon unwitting ears.
But nonetheless the record's graven deep;
Subconsciousness a copy clear will keep.

So speak not thoughtlessly when They are by;
Your words fall not on sterile soil or dry.
Thoughts sown in plastic minds are carried far;
There are no idle words where children are.

INFLUENCE OF THE HOME

Financial problems, home problems, school problems, church problems, institutional problems, world problems! . . . From whence come many of our most difficult problems? Directly or indirectly, do they not originate in our *homes*? In your home and mine, have not many problems of yesterday become the problems of today in our schools, churches, and institutions? In our *homes* today are there not problems which will become the more serious problems of tomorrow in our denominational work? . . .

Influenced and perhaps enslaved by modern customs and practices, have our eyes become blinded to God's perfect and beautiful plan for the Christian home? Do we sense our need of a "revival and reformation," or are we saying in thunder tones by our lives, that "we are rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing"? We know that every phase of present truth is timely and has been given in love to reveal to us our great need, and how that need may be supplied "according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33. Where is His righteousness first

and most needed? Where is the first work of grace to be accomplished?

"The very first work, my brethren, is to secure the blessing of God in your own hearts. Then bring this blessing into your homes; put away your criticisms, overcome your exacting ways and let the spirit of cheerfulness and kindness prevail. The atmosphere of your homes will be carried with you to the office and heavenly peace will surround your souls."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. V, p. 558.

Has this "first work" been done in our hearts and homes? Fathers, do you covet the experience of God's favor to which Abraham attained? See Gen. 18:19; 26:5.

Do scores of obstacles confront you when you think of establishing your first work of responsibility in your own home? Can you command your household in the spirit of Christ, or do you find yourself defeated in the biggest battle man ever fought because you are not able to command and rule your own spirit? Do you find the household machinery all in confusion because God's plan for leadership in the home has been disregarded? Has the wife unconsciously, selfishly, ignorantly, or of necessity, assumed your position of priesthood in the home? Or has she understood and rested in faith that the husband is priest in the home? Is it not our "first work" as parents to know and assume our personal responsibility according to the position He has ordained for us to fill in the home? Not contending for, and demanding "our right," but by the blending of our aims, ambitions, and desires, reach His ideal for us as individuals, and together as parents, in our *first work*, in our *first mission field*, the Home.

"Thus it is with everyone who is truly converted. He bears precious fruit, and in so doing walks as Christ walked, talks as He talked, works as He worked, and the truth as it is in Jesus, through him, makes an impression in his home, in his neighborhood

and in the church. He is building a character for eternity, while working out his own salvation with fear and trembling. He is exemplifying before the world the valuable principles of truth, showing what the truth will do for the life and character of the genuine believer. He is unconsciously acting his part in the sublime work of Christ in the redemption of the world, —a work which, in its character and influence, is far-reaching, undermining the foundation of false religion and false science."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. V, p. 569.

Can the boys and girls in our homes testify to the mighty power of Israel's God as exemplified in the lives of father and mother? Have they learned father's and mother's path to the mercy seat for full and complete victory over sin? Have they observed with interested joy and satisfaction the victories, blessings, and guidance sought and found at the family altar? Home is where we must be filled with "the fullness of His joy." If parents and children together have not experienced this first work of personal and home conversion, a loving Father is waiting and longing to "do more than we can ask or think." Shall we not let Him have His way in our hearts and homes? Together as individuals and as Christian families we may have the experience of the early disciples, first the "upper room" experience, followed with the promised power to be witnesses in our "Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.—Mrs. G. A. Fields, in *Home and School*.

"SHE MADE HOME HAPPY"

"She made home happy." These few words I read
Within a churchyard, written on a stone;
No name, no date; the simple words alone
Told me the story of the unknown dead.
A marble column lifted high its head
Close by, inscribed to one the world has known.
But O! that lonely grave with moss o'ergrown
Thrilled me far more than his who armies led.

"She made home happy!" Through the long, sad years
The mother toiled, and never stopped to rest
Until they crossed her hands upon her breast,
And closed her eyes, no longer dim with tears.
The simple record that she left behind
Was grander than the soldier's, to my mind.
—Henry Coyle.

"Jesus does not leave us alone to struggle with temptation. He says, 'Fear not; for I am with thee.'"

It is not what we have, but what we are, that measures either our civilization or our worth-whileness.—Sir Wilfred Grenfell.

WITH OUR MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

MOTHER'S HANDS

They were wrinkled hands, I know,
Feeble hands, and thin—
Nothing of the rose and snow,
Such as artists treasure so—
Just the withered skin.

Neither were they soft and white,
Like my lady's hands—
Flashing gems of wondrous light,
Fingers tapering and slight,
Girt with golden bands.

Mother's hands were not rose-tipped,
Slim like lily stem,
Dainty hands whose nails seemed clipped
From a seashell, pearly lipped,
Polished like a gem.

No, her hands were hard and rough,
Brown with ceaseless work,
They were made of sterner stuff,
And yet tender—ah! enough;
Hands that would not shirk.

How they soothed my childhood's ways,
Made my pathway bright;
Useful hands throughout their days,
Waiting not for words of praise,
Doing with their might.

Oh! dear hands, long hid from me,
Folded in calm rest,
I would give earth's treasury,
Could they fold me tenderly
Once more to her breast.
—*Mother's Magazine.*

A LETTER FROM MOTHER

What's this? A letter from mother! Oh, I do wish it hadn't come just when I'm getting ready to go to the concert, for I haven't time to read it now. And I don't like to be reminded of mother just before going out. I seem to see her sitting all alone in the old house, while I am having a good time, and it dampens my spirit, and I can't be half as bright and clever. Maybe I can hurriedly glance at the letter as I'm getting ready.

"Dear daughter: I wonder if you are sick, for I haven't heard from you in so long. I can't help but worry about you."

There it is, complaining because I do not write oftener. She doesn't realize how busy I am. I wrote her not so long ago. Last week, wasn't it? No, two—three—I do believe it is six weeks ago that I wrote her last. Well, I must write her tomorrow. No, I must go shopping tomorrow. And then there's the society program right after that, and then practicing for the musicale comes next. It is dreadful to live in such a whirl. But maybe I'll manage to sandwich a letter in somewhere. And I'll send a good check with it.

"It's beautiful here this spring. Wonder if you get out to the country often."

Country? I should say not, unless we speed along so fast I can't see much. And we always have a crowd with us. I'd love it, though. Wonder if there's still dogwood at the back of the garden at home? Do you suppose there are as many lilacs as usual around the old house? Mother's flower garden is always so lovely.

"How is Robert getting along? He hasn't written in months."

Poor mother! She forgets how busy Brother is in his business and social activities. And Robert never was much of a writer. It is a shame, though, that neither of us children can find time to write her very often. She takes such delight in little things. We ought to do that much to make her happy.

"It's so lonely here with you all gone. I sometimes wish you were all children again and were home with me."

Wish we were children again? And have all that hard work to do over again? I wonder she ever lived through it. We were always so poor, and mother worked so hard for us children. From early dawn until late at night she was busy—always busy. With all the washing and ironing, scrubbing and cooking, sewing and mending, churning and knitting, and a thousand other things, I don't see how she ever managed at all. And she always nursed the neighbors when they were sick, and gave them food when they were hungry. And she was always so cheerful about it that she made you think she loved to work.

We were happy together. Yes, happier than I have ever been since. It is a pity that children grow up so quickly and fly away from the old nest. It *must* be lonely for her, but when she won't come to live with us, what can we do? I don't know as I blame her, though, for not wanting to leave the old home where she has lived and worked so long.

What is that on the radio? "Work, for the Night Is Coming." That's right; this is the Sunday night hour of hymns. Why, mother used to sing that song so

much about her daily work. It's been a long time since I heard her sing it.

"I wish I could work for you all again. I just have my memories of you all. It's been two years now since I saw you, you know. Have you changed very much?"

I must send her my latest photograph. She'd like that better than money, I know.

"My days of *trouble* are over, but days of empty loneliness are worse, I'm finding."

Dear mother. She *has* had her troubles. It seems as if one of us was sick all the time. If we children didn't have measles or pneumonia, then father was laid up with sciatica. But mother's hands never faltered and her courage never failed. She met hard, never-ending work, sickness, poverty, and discouragement with a cheerful smile and a brave heart. I can see her now in the darkest times bravely smiling, bravely singing, and most usually it was "Rock of Ages." Why, there it is on the radio. The radio is so good tonight. I never knew they could sing hymns so well. But I'd love to hear mother sing that song once more.

"I am proud when I think of my children doing so well in the world. You have done wonderfully well. How father would love to see you now, if he were still living."

Oh, *mother* is a wonderful woman! Where would we be if she hadn't worked to put us through college? We didn't realize then what it meant to her. I wonder if she knows we appreciate what she did for us. I am ashamed to think we haven't done more for her. What satisfaction do we bring her?—do I give her? Oh, time goes so quickly for me I don't realize how it must drag on mother's hands. Her happy days were when she was planning for our future. Why, I'd be nothing if it hadn't been for mother. And when I could be such a comfort to her, I'm only a cause of worry! I'll try to do better, mother dear.

"I must close. The sun is setting, and I sit here watching it, and dreaming of you."

Just as she used to do. She always loved the beautiful, and the sunset was about all the beauty life brought to her. But she managed so that I took my art lessons and Robert had his music lessons. I wonder what song she sings as she sits there.

What's that on the radio now?

"There's a Land that is Fairer than Day." Yes, she may be singing that, for she loved it and taught us to love it, too. I remember mother's telling us in the twilight hours of that better land.

There, now, there's a teardrop on my dress I was going to wear tonight at the concert. Oh, what do I care for that concert? I'll stay home and send a letter to mother. I love her so! Why haven't I told her so before? She used to work like a slave for us, and we—we don't even have time to write her. Dear, dear mother! I want to see her and tell her I appreciate her sacrifices for us. I want to tell her that at last I realize that all I am I owe to her. I want her to know it.

Some day I shall go back home. I'm homesick for it! And I want my mother! I don't want to wait. Why must I remain for the society program? They can get along without me in the musicale, too. Maybe I could go tomorrow, back to the little home village. No, I can go this very evening. I'll do it! And I'll take no other gift save a heart full of love. I'll catch the 8:45 train for the old home town—and MOTHER! —*Esther M. Adams in Review and Herald, May 11, 1933.*

JUST A FEW LINES OF A LETTER

Some weeks ago I received a letter from a dear friend of mine, which carried a message primarily for sons, but equally as important for daughters. And because May brings Mother's Day, I think now is the time to tell you about it.

This friend of mine is a dear little lady who has lived in this old world fourscore years and more. She keeps house by herself in a snug little cottage and is a blessing to all who are fortunate enough to come under her influence. But for all she seems to be so happy and contented to her many friends, there is in her heart a hunger, a longing, which should not be there.

In the letter she wrote me, she says, "Every day I walk down to the mail box, hoping to find a letter from my son, but I go back disappointed. I know he is a busy man, but a few lines would not take much of his time. I would be satisfied with even a card, for my heart is hungry for the love of my own."

As I read and re-read this letter, my mind went forward to Mother's Day—the day on which sons and daughters of all ages, races, and colors, unite in

paying tribute to the ones who gave them birth. Surely on this day that man will remember his mother, and, as he does not live too far away, I'm thinking perhaps he will visit her; then how happy she will be.

Now this dear lady is only one of the many mothers around her age, and even many years younger, whose hearts are hungry because their children either forget to write or else think they are too busy to do so.

But in spite of the forgetfulness and the busy-ness of these children, their mothers still long to be kept in touch with them week by week. They long to have us tell them about the little happenings of the daily life, they want to know what their children are doing.

And as for explaining how and why this is so, I can only say that it must be because to our mother, we are, and always will be, just her little boys and girls, for whom she has given years of service and sacrifice.

In thinking back, I well remember one winter when my own dear father was laid up, and the children had the grippe. Mother's kind hands never fal-

tered; her courage never gave out. She met hard, never-ending work, sickness, and discouragement with a cheerful heart and a brave smile.

When things were dark, and she could not see her way out of the troubles that loomed up in her path, then she would smile and sing that grand old hymn:

*"Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side that flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure."*

We children were too young to realize what a wonderful mother we had—but now we know—now we realize that all we are and have accomplished we owe to her, and yet even so, at times we either forgot, or are too busy, to write to her.

This then is the message I found in the dear lady's letter, and I am telling you about it in May—because of Mother's Day.—*Martha E. Warner, in Watchman Magazine, May 1935.*

THE ORIGIN OF MOTHER'S DAY

The idea of a national Mother's Day originated with Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia. Her mother had been a moving spirit in her home town in Virginia, and after her death the daughter was asked to arrange a memorial to her in which the entire community might have a part. While planning this, Miss Jarvis came to think of what a national commemoration of the debt which is owed to motherhood might mean. It might help overcome the growing lack of consideration for absent mothers among worldly-minded busy, grown-up children, the thoughtless neglect of home ties engendered by the whirl and pressure of modern life, the lack of respect and deference to parents among children of the present generation, and the need of reminding almost every one of the debt each person owes his mother.

So the idea had its beginning, and in May, 1914, Congress designated the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation calling upon the government officials to display the flag on all government buildings on that Sunday.—*Mrs. Louise Hogan, in Good Housekeeping.*

Prayer is not the conquering of God's reluctance, but the taking hold of God's willingness.—*Phillips Brooks.*

O THE QUITTERS AND SITTERS

Just a word to quitters and sitters,
Who think there is nothing to life.

Suppose you try this—
And then—well, I guess,
You'll be happy in spite of the strife.

There's nothing can keep me from trying,
Unless I am really dead.

I wish that you, too,
Would courage renew,
And cheerily lift up your head.

You'll be happy, poor quitters and sitters,
If Jesus comes into your heart.

He'll make life worth while,
And then you will smile,
And determine that you'll do your part.

Ask Jesus to give you a vision
Of service He's planned out for you;
Then work day and night,
With all of your might,
And forget that you ever were blue.

Each day with a new consecration,
Seek earnestly some soul to win.
There's much to be done
Ere setting of sun,
In fighting the devil and sin.

So many are hungry and helpless,
And others are looking for light;
Oh, let your light shine,
And throw out a line,
For someone who's lost in the night.

Why sit and bemoan o'er your troubles?
Forget them as Jesus draws near.
Then others will be
Your anxiety;
Forgetting yourself, you'll find cheer.

—*Lucile Walden.*

OUR WORKERS' CORNER

AN APPEAL TO LEADERS, No. 2

[From General Conference Committee, assembled in Autumn Council, 1935.]

Safeguarding the Church

Exemplifying these principles in his own life, the gospel worker, whether in conference or institutional employ, or as an officer in the local church, will use his influence in both public and private to banish from the church membership the unholy practices which are seeking entrance. By personal work when needed, and by appeal from the pulpit, he will seek to hold back the flood tide of worldliness, which is seeking to engulf the church. If necessary, he will lead the church in taking such disciplinary measures as have been clearly emphasized by the pen of divine revelation. God has set our church leaders as watchmen upon the walls of Zion. When they see danger threatening the church, they are to sound the alarm. When they see individual members of the church imperiled, they are to make earnest efforts for their salvation. Lovingly, tactfully, earnestly, fearlessly, they are to warn the wicked to break from his sin and to find deliverance in Christ as his Saviour. [See Eze. 3:17-19; Isa. 58:1.] . . .

Where faithful, loving labor is put forth to reclaim the erring, disciplinary measures by the church will not so often be indicated. The conditions of many in the remnant church today demand a revival and a reformation. A new depth of consecration and baptism of divine power is needed to finish the work. Our leaders should be the foremost in seeking for this divine infilling. Faithfully and uncompromisingly should they uphold the right and decry the wrong. In this hour of crisis they should prove true and loyal to the message for this time. God will recognize their heroic endeavor and their unswerving integrity.

May the blessing of God rest upon our leaders. Theirs is a great responsibility, theirs also is a great privilege. No service is so sweet and satisfying as labor for those for whom Christ gave His precious blood. Such labor should constitute a passion, not a profession or a merely formal service. Its prompting impulse will be love for souls, and not love of salary.

The resources of Heaven are promised to Christ's ambassadors. The Holy Spirit is given as a guide and counselor. Surely we are without excuse if we fail in prosecuting faithfully, courageously, and hopefully our high and holy calling. Soon we shall reap if we faint not. Then we shall thrill with the unutterable joy of seeing saved in the everlasting kingdom those for whom we have labored. With Christ the Lord we shall see the travail of our souls and shall be satisfied. May God make us true and loyal till that glad day.

JOHN WESLEY'S RULES FOR SINGING

Sing all. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weariness hinder you. If it is a cross for you, take it up, and you will find it a blessing.

Sing lustily and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sang the songs of Satan.

Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinctly from the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.

Sing in time. Whatever time is sung, be sure to keep with it. Do not run before nor stay behind it; but attend close to the leading voices, and move therewith as exactly as you can; and take care not to sing too slowly. This drawing way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from among us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.

Above all, *sing spiritually.* Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing Him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this, attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the

Lord will approve of here, and reward you when He cometh in the clouds of heaven.—*Moody Monthly.*

THE VALUE OF TIME

Diverse talents have been entrusted by our heavenly Father to diverse persons, but one talent is common to all: the talent of time. "Our time belongs to God. Every moment is His, and we are under the most solemn obligation to improve it to His glory. Of no talent He has given will He require a more strict account than of our time."—*"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 342.*

Strange it is how some people squander their time and then complain that they have no time,—no time for Bible study and prayer, no time for home missionary work, no time for self-improvement. "Upon the right improvement of our time depends our success in acquiring knowledge and mental culture. . . . A few moments here and a few there, that might be frittered away in aimless talk; the morning hours so often wasted in bed; the time spent in traveling on trams or railway cars, or waiting at the station; the moments of waiting for meals, waiting for those who are tardy in keeping an appointment,—if a book were kept at hand, and these fragments of time were improved in study, reading, or careful thought, what might not be accomplished."—*"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 343.*

The counsel of the wise man is apt, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." We ought to have a definite aim in all we do. We must budget our time for a given task and then bend every effort to finish it in that given time. It was Seneca who said, "There are some hours which are taken from us, some which are stolen from us, and some which slip from us." Idle people complain that they have no time to do what they wish to do. It is not the time but the will that is wanting. The Turks have a proverb that the devil tempts the busy man, but idle man tempts the devil.

Martin Luther realized that we ought to use our time to the fullest extent in the service of God and of mankind, when he wrote, "The human heart is like a millstone in a mill; when you put wheat under it, it turns and grinds and bruises the wheat to flour; if you put no wheat it still grinds on—and grinds itself away."

"The value of time is beyond computation. Christ regarded every mo-

ment as precious, and it is thus that we should regard it."—*"Christ's Object Lessons,"* p. 342.

—From *Southern European Quarterly Review*, July, 1935.

If you have knowledge let others light their candles by it. —*Thomas Fuller*

CHURCH MISSIONARY TEN-MINUTE SERVICES

June 6

Missionary Topic: Bearing Fruit.

Text: John 15:16.

Suggestions: On this Sabbath morning it is well to ask ourselves the solemn question—What is our church doing? Let us dedicate ourselves to a deeper passion for souls. Let us pray for the lost who are in Jerusalem, (those almost in the church) or in Judea, (those a bit farther from the Kingdom) and finally, for those in the uttermost parts (and these may be in our neighborhood). And as we pray, let us work with hearts softened and tendered and eyes moistened with tears. Our best efforts may appear to us to be most feeble and our words with which we witness only broken accents made by stammering tongues, but if we are accompanied by the power of the Spirit and guided by that wisdom that cometh down from on high in answer to prayer, hard hearts will yield before us and souls will be won.

June 13

Missionary Topic: The Value of Missionary Reports.

Text: Heb. 10:24, 25.

Suggestions: It is always a matter of encouragement to the brethren and sisters to recount the blessing of God in missionary service. Every ear is intent to catch every detail of the story of soul-winning service. Perhaps a member has found a person who manifested a deep interest in religious things, and an appointment has been made for further visitation with literature and Bible studies. How eagerly the congregation listens to such a report.

The year's report or missionary work of members of our churches throughout the world indicates that there were 3,013,174 Bible readings or cottage meetings held by the lay members. It is especially gratifying to note that books, periodicals and tracts were distributed to the extent of 18,106,483; and in the line of ministry to the poor, 1,064,927 articles of clothing were distributed, and that "needed help" in many different lines was dispensed to over three million persons.

The items mentioned represent just a few of the missionary activities which are recorded on the report blanks as they come in with their totals from individuals, churches, conferences, unions and divisions. Our aim for 1936 is—"Every member a working member," and "Every missionary worker faithfully reporting."

June 20

Missionary Topic: Soul-Winning Experiences.

Text: Rom. 14:7.

Suggestions: Do we fully comprehend the solemn import of our text? Whether we choose or not, we are individual links in the great chain of humanity, and our daily words and actions have an influence which is as far-reaching as eternity. Constantly, we are either gathering with Christ, or we are scattering abroad. Soul-winning is not a mantle to be put on for certain occasions, when we make a special visit to distribute literature, to give a Bible study, to relieve suffering or cheer the sick and discouraged, and then to be laid aside until the next appointed day for

missionary work. Christians are called to a service which is constant and from which there is no discharge. (See "Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 45.)

June 27

Missionary Topic: Gospel Invitations.

Text: Num. 10:29.

Suggestions: It is a trait of human nature to appreciate being invited to share with friends in that which tends to pleasure and personal advantage, and what a satisfaction it is to be able to extend the invitation to those whom we desire to benefit. The same principle applies with equal force in the realm of spiritual things. How many times the Bible gives expression to the most appealing invitations to the sinner, to "taste and see that the Lord is good," or "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," or "The Spirit and the Bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

Those who accept these loving invitations enter into a new life. They travel a new road; they are citizens of the heavenly country; and it is one of their happy privileges to invite others to "come" and go along with them to the Father's kingdom. With the same confidence which filled the heart of Moses, we are privileged to say to our friends and neighbors, and to our fellowmen everywhere: "We are journeying onto the place of which the Lord said, I will give it to you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good."

Give us to awake with smiles, give us to labor smiling. As the sun lightens the world, so let our loving-kindness make bright this house of our habitation.—*Robert Louis Stevenson.*

FRENCH WEST INDIES

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reporting the missionary work and we learned that of the eighty-two souls baptized during the past year fifty-two were under the age of thirty years. Their example in the Harvest Ingathering and Big Week campaigns is inspiring. More than one-half of the funds brought in from these two campaigns during the past two years come from the efforts of the Missionary Volunteers.

The work of our colporteurs in the French Mission has been a most inspiring one. For years it was thought that colporteurs could do nothing. In 1931 our literature sales were less than \$200, but since then, first, under the leadership of Brother Atherly and during the last three years under Brother Jean-Elie, the present field missionary secretary, the sales have increased. During the year 1935 the deliveries amounted to \$2,548.92. True to its mission our colporteur work has been a real pioneering agency in this field. Brother Berle, who has been stationed in the island of Guadeloupe, in, addition to his colporteur work, has been instrumental in raising up a church of over forty members in Point-a-Pitre.

Brother and Sister Dunn are well liked by the people, and there are many pleasant contacts being made with governmental officials as well as some of the leading business men. Indications promise a bright future for our work in that field.

ATLANTIC COLOMBIA

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In the afternoon we had a "Christian education" hour and after that a testimony meeting. The testimonies rang with joy and happiness and the fervent singing gave more ample expression to the happy content that God had put into the hearts of these dear believers. Our services were favored, moreover, with special music contributed by talent from the local congregations.

It was felt by all that the influence of this institute will reach to all parts of the field and, we hope, even beyond. All turned homeward with gratitude in their hearts for the many tokens of God's power during our sessions and with the assurance that His grace will accompany each church member to the place of his labor, to his church and to his own home.

Brother A. V. Larson, secretary-treasurer of the mission, spent three days with us, giving instruction on the work of the church treasurer and other matters relating to the office. Brother Pedro Gonzalez, field missionary secretary of the mission, gave some studies on the importance of the literature work. Already a number have declared themselves ready to enter the book work. Brother Tirso Escandón gave a series of detailed instructions on the duties of church officers. Altogether it was a most inspiring and helpful meeting, and we thank God for it.

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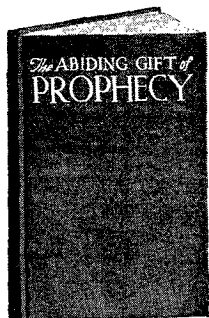
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A certain man dreamed that he went to consult his Bible and found every page blank. In amazement he rushed to his neighbor's house, roused him from sleep, and asked to see his Bible, but when they brought the book they found it also blank. In great consternation they sought other Bibles, with the same result. Then they said: "We will go to the libraries and from great books will gather the quotations of scriptures and thus remake our Bible." But when they examined all the books upon the shelves of all the libraries, they found that wherever a quotation of Scripture had been, that part of the page was blank.

When the man awoke, his brow was cold, yet covered with perspiration, so great had been his agony during the dream. Oh how dark this world would be without the Bible! Man would be like a wrecked ship dashed into mid-ocean.—"Elim."

ALWAYS MORE, NEVER LESS

C. L. Stilson

The title above, which in itself has a note of courage, and which our people throughout the division field lived up to so nobly during the past year by making a gain of nearly \$9,000.00, may not be quite so applicable to the results we are forced to show for January. We are sorry that we must show a shortage of over \$700.00 for this first report in 1936. This is due to quite an extent to the lack of reports from the field. One whole union is missing, and besides that six local fields in other unions are not shown in the 1936 column.

A good report always contains the element of courage that is so much needed in every worthy cause. Each church treasurer can help to pass on this note of courage by making prompt reports. Encourage the members of your church to turn in tithes and offerings regularly, and when the month ends, don't wait for Brother Jones or Sister Smith to bring in some tithe or offerings that you may be expecting from them, but close your records promptly and send your reports to the mission or conference office. You can easily imagine how happy your conference or mission treasurer is when he has a report from each church on time. This same advice, if heeded, will bring

the same results in the case of the treasurer of the local, the union, and the division organizations. Let us each help to bring courage and happiness to our fellow workers and lay members by living up to this program. Don't you believe that if we do this we shall have better reports this year than last? I do.

COMPARATIVE REPORT OF MISSION FUNDS

January 1935 and 1936

Name of field	1935	1936
Bahamas Mission	105.72	.....
Cayman Isls. Mission	.....	.....
Cuba Conference	193.98	239.25
Haiti Mission	178.32	136.50
Jamaica Conference	386.13	318.60
Puerto Rico Mission	102.88	.....
Santo Domingo Miss.	111.65	139.46
Antillian Union	1,078.68	833.81
French West I. Miss.	34.12	41.93
Guiana Conference	108.05	.....
Leeward Isls. Conf.	123.88	126.88
South Caribbean Conf.	201.90	135.42
Caribbean Union	467.95	304.23
British Honduras Miss.	32.66	36.78
Costa Rica Mission	53.98	69.45
Guatemala Mission	43.63	35.02
Honduras Mission	75.59	.....
Nicaragua Mission	.....	.....
Panama Conference	346.17	332.97
Salvador Mission	18.23	20.14
Central Amer. Union	570.26	494.36
Atlantic Colombia Miss.	45.01	.....
Central Colombia Miss.	84.40	.....
Curacao Mission	17.85	.....
Pacific Colombia Miss.	47.80	.....
Upper Magdalena Miss.	37.93	.....
Venezuela Mission	64.29	.....
Colombia-Ven. Union	297.28	.....
Central Mexico Miss.	63.37	34.63
Gulf Mission	38.72	61.50
Lake Mission	24.09	21.12
Tehuantepec Mission	200.20	265.85
Mexican Union	326.38	383.10
Division Totals	2,740.55	2,015.50
Decrease	.....	725.05

WE SOLICIT YOUR PRAYERS

During the latter part of this month and the first part of June our General Conference quadrennial session will be held in San Francisco, California. Representatives from all parts of the world are to assemble there to lay plans for the finishing of the great work that God has committed to the remnant church.

Your prayers can help to make that supremely important meeting a success. So we earnestly solicit them. Please join with us in praying that the Lord

will grant unto His servants safe journeys to that great assembly, and then direct them in all their deliberations, that His plans for the finishing of the work may be found and followed in every detail during these tense days when He is cutting His work short in righteousness.

NEWS NOTES

We are very thankful that we may count Brother J. L. Jones one of our Inter-American workers, at least for a time. Brother Jones, who has come from the publishing house in Mountain View, California, of which the Pacific Press in Cristobal, Canal Zone, is a branch, is now serving as manager of Cristobal branch, while Brother Cone is in the States on furlough. We trust that Brother and Sister Cone and little Donald will have a profitable time in the homeland and that Brother Jones will enjoy his stay here in the tropics.

Last month we had the pleasure of welcoming Brethren Harrison and Bergherm back to the division office. They had been away since January 8, helping in various parts of the Caribbean and Colombia-Venezuela Unions.

In the latter part of March Brother and Sister Perez passed through Balboa on their way to Costa Rica. They are graduates of our school in Argentine. We are very happy to have these promising young workers come over to help us here in Inter-America, and we wish them Heaven's choicest blessings in all their work here.

Brother and Sister F. E. Bresee were recent callers at the division office on their way back to America on furlough. Brother Bresee is superintendent of the Inca Union. It is always a pleasure to meet our fellow workers.

Letters from America tell us that Sisters L. V. Finster and R. E. Stewart have had to submit to surgery, and that Sister Borrowdale was not well. Word has also come from Atlantic Colombia to the effect that Sister Larson's health is not good. Let us pray that all these earnest workers and others who may be ill may recover their health speedily.

The British and Foreign Bible Society announces its latest annual issues as follows: Bibles, 1,058,867; Testaments, 1,075,827; portions 8,835,915; or a total of 10,970,609 volumes.

REMEMBER "BIG WEEK"