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A Summons to Universal Action

By E. E. Andross

Steadily but surely, and with feverish haste, in all the world the way is being prepared for the tragic close of this world's history. More than 1800 years ago the prophet of Patmos God revealed the course of earthly powers to the close of time. To other prophets, long before this, additional features in this awful tragedy were revealed. Today we behold with our eyes every detail of these marvelous prophecies being enacted in perfect and exact fulfilment. What a wonderful picture to behold! How carefully should we observe daily the fitting in of the details of these prophecies. Forty-four years ago the following message came to us from the pen of inspiration:

"All heaven is represented to me as watching the unfolding of events. A crisis is to be revealed in the great and prolonged controversy in the government of God on earth. Something great and decisive is to take place, and that right early."—*Special Testimonies*.

The events that are now taking place in Europe and in the Far East may prove to be of the greatest possible consequence in the fulfilment of prophecy. The whole world is awaiting the events of tomorrow, realizing that we are on the verge of some stupendous crisis. Multitudes are eagerly inquiring, "What do these things mean?" Throughout all the earth the response must be given, "Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come." Rev. 14:7.

This is truly a mighty hour; an hour fraught with eternal consequences for every soul on earth. The harvest of the earth is ripe. This is the hour just before the night cometh, for gathering in the golden sheaves. The trumpet is now sounding forth the solemn call to every child of God to fall into line and press the battle to the very gates.

There can be no division in our

ranks now, there can be no slackers in the Lord's army. Every consecrated soul is to be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power. Multiplied millions are without hope and without God; but multitudes are with feverish anxiety waiting for some one to come to them with a message of comfort and hope. Through their tear-dimmed eyes they are looking heavenward for help. Gladly would we send

WORKERS

Over the blue hills in bright array
Are workers who work for celestial pay.
No earthly gold their wishes meet,
They go on willing, tireless feet
On errands of mercy both high and sweet
For the Lord of the coming day.

No earthly honors their temples adorn.
They work 'mid despising and hate and scorn;
Yet they are children of the King.
They bear His signet, wear His ring,
And while at their labor they sweetly sing
Of the star of millennial dawn.

Pure is the love that can work alone,
'Mid poor and degraded, with hearts of stone,
And high is the faith that looks above
For quickening power of the heavenly dove
To light up the gloom with the lamp of love,
And to make every heart his own.

—Mrs. L. C. C.

them help, but our thin line of workers are over-burdened in their efforts to feed and care for those who are close at hand and need spiritual help.

Today thinking minds everywhere are greatly troubled as from day to day they read of the terrible calamities that are visiting the earth, of the preparations, on such a colossal scale for such gruesome slaughter of entire populations as has never before been experienced. To know that at any time this appalling slaughter that threatens to involve the

whole earth may begin, is astounding. Many in heart are turning to God as their only source of protection in this awful hour.

To this people God has committed the only saving message for this crisis. We must without delay give it to the world. For your own sake, therefore, as well as for Jesus' sake, you who have not been doing all in your power to advance the interests of God's kingdom in the earth, arouse from your slumbers, gird on the armour and go forth to the conflict. Resolve that by His grace and power you will henceforth devote your chief thought and energy to preparing others to meet their Saviour as He comes in glory.

This task can not be accomplished except by the united cooperation of all our people. God's power is unlimited, and if He chose to do so He could commit this work to the myriad host of holy angels. But this is not His plan. He has chosen to enlist every child of His in the work of helping to save others. This is the spirit that constitutes the very life and joy of heaven; and the only way we can be fitted for heaven is by putting into active exercise the spirit of self-sacrificing love.

As one sees the multitudes of human beings, having hearts that feel as do ours, groping in absolute darkness, groaning under their load of guilt with no hope of relief save in the meaningless forms that prove to be only a mockery, the utter worthlessness of all earthly things appear in their true light only as they are used to save the perishing. Some of these poor helpless souls might be directed to the waiting Saviour if only the rescuers can be sent to them in time. As one beholds this vision how he longs for power to set these things before those who have never seen them, but yet whom God has

entrusted with a sacred stewardship.

May this appeal for help from our laity,—the young, the middle-aged and the old,—receive a hearty response. May every one now fall into line for personal service in carrying this last message of mercy to the waiting multitudes. Go forth with your Bibles, with tracts, with periodicals, with our small books, but above all with fervent prayer that God may make you a faithful witness for Him in this last hour, and that His mighty Spirit may speak directly through your lips to the hearts of the people. Remember, it is only the "good and faithful servant" who will at last hear the blessed words, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."



FACING DISCOURAGEMENT WITH A SONG

By Amy Gayle Lynch

Let us face all misfortunes and discouragements with a song of praise for the many other blessings of life, turning the dark clouds inside out and availing ourselves of the silver lining within.

Let us adopt the spirit which was Habakkuk's when he said in Habakkuk 3:17, 18, "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation." "Habakkuk could sing such a song as this because he had discovered that God is not so much interested in figs, corn, grapes, and cattle, but in righteousness and goodness." Not the wealth but rather the salvation of men is the important thing.

After all, this is a poor world in which to obtain wealth, for we are told that ten per cent of the population control sixty per cent of the goods. But it is a wonderful world in which to achieve and develop Christian graces and moral heroism. The greatest poets have sung their sweetest songs in dark days. It was out of darkness that Dante and Milton lifted their voices in song. It was in the winter of discontent that Tennyson wrote "In Memoriam," and the great psalms of Hebrew history were born of exile and depression. Face to face with Gethsemane and Calvary, Jesus gathered His friends about Him, walked to the side of the old brook Kedron, and sang a hymn.

Habakkuk's confidence in God was implicit. In such a time as we are now living, our confidence should be established securely in the God of our salvation. "If we will follow the example of these great disregards of destiny of the past, the world cannot be in utter chaos, and it will not matter so much that some of the things we have held dear have been swept away. But if we know that what we do possess will last even when the stars have faded and the mountains have melted, we shall find the peace which passeth understanding, for we shall be sure."

Educational Department

THE STUDENT'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

Thou shalt set the service of God and man before thine heart as the end of all thy work.

Thou shalt inquire of each study what it has for thee as a worker for a better world, not relinquishing thy pursuit of it until thou hast gained its profit unto this end.

Thou shalt love the truth and only the truth, and welcome all truth gladly, whether it bring thee or the world joy or suffering, pleasure or hardship, ease or toil.

Thou shalt meet each task at the moment assigned for it with a willing heart.

Thou shalt work each day to the limit of thy strength, consistently with the yet harder work which shall be thy duty on the morrow.

Thou shalt respect the rights and pleasures of others, claiming no privilege of service, and allowing thyself no joy which does not increase the joy of thy fellow men.

Thou shalt love thy friends more than thyself, thy college more than thy friends, thy country more than thy college, and God more than all else.

Thou shalt rejoice in the excellences of others, and despise all rewards saving the gratitude of thy fellows and the approval of God.

Thou shalt live by thy best, holding thyself relentlessly to those ideals thou dost most admire in other men.

Thou shalt make for thyself commandments harder than another can make for thee, and each new day commandments more rigorous than thine own laws of the day before.—*John M. Thomas, President of Middlebury College.*

Health Department

THE ROYAL ROAD TO HEALTH

"There is," they told me as a student, "no royal road to learning;" and true enough I found it to be. *But there is a royal road to health.* There is a way to get well—and stay well. And I'd like to put you, if you are sick, on the short cut to health. I can do it—if you are willing. Not with any patent nostrums. Not with any almanac remedies. Not with any neighborhood panaceas. Not with any mystical formulas, but with a prescription that has never yet failed, if fully and sincerely followed. I'm not a physician, but in my ministry among the sick I have learned something about the psychiatric values of common sense and experience. And this, my prescription, is authenticated in both.

After all, it is not *my* prescription. You will find it in one of the oldest of books, in the fifty-eighth chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah. For many a suffering man and woman, a careful following of the counsel of Isaiah 58:6, 7, and 9, 10 will bring the triumph of verse 8.

"Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? . . . If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; and if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul;"—"then . . . *thine health shall spring forth speedily.*"

It is unnecessary here to go into a detailed exegesis. The meaning of the Old Book is clear enough. Condensed and put into modern language, it is simply this: "Forget yourself in thinking of others. Translate that thinking into tangible helpfulness. Get interested in somebody less fortunate than you are. Do something for somebody else. "To ease another's heartache is to forget your own."

That doesn't sound very scientific, perhaps. But it is, none the less. To a certain class of patients, physicians prescribe occupational therapy. When

the patient's mind is occupied with something novel and constructive, the old dissatisfaction, discontent, discouragement, is for the nonce forgotten. The thought, from being focused upon himself, is drawn outward.

If doctors could only unite with occupational therapy a missionary objective,—get patients to think less of themselves, their own problems and troubles, get them to look above and around themselves instead of inside, how many recoveries would be facilitated! I know a woman who is an invalid because she is forever worrying about her money. If she would give away several thousand to human beings who need it for life's bare necessities, life would look vastly different to her. "Blessed is he that considereth the poor [margin, 'sick']: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble [margin, 'day of evil'] . . . The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: Thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness." Psalms 41:1-3.

There was a woman in a certain community who suffered from a chronic lassitude. The doctors did not seem to know exactly what was the matter with her, though she had sought many of them and was nothing bettered. People, for lack of any definite diagnosis, thought her afflicted with incipient tuberculosis. And so, many people pitied her, for she had been brilliant. And she had abundant pity for herself. And then, suddenly, there was thrown upon her the care of two little children. She rebelled against it at first, but she could not shift that responsibility. There was not another relative to look after them. And while she was bitter about it, angry at the poor little orphans, as if they were to blame,—or angry at God,—she was still too proud to let them be sent out to an institution. So, unwelcome, they came to her home and her ungraciousness. She never thought herself as selfish—but as *sick*.

But those dear little folks, in their helplessness, wrought upon her a strange miracle—first, upon her heart, and then upon her body. With unwonted exaction that body ached. But after awhile it began to be noticed that she who had been so pale and listless seemed to be better. She who had been so unable to help herself had taken on some vitality. She moved with more alacrity. The more she did, the more she found she could do.

Presently from her own little circle of

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Missionary Volunteer Department

A YEAR OF MANY BLESSINGS

By *Mrs. E. E. Andross*

The Missionary Volunteer summary for another year has been completed; and I feel very grateful for what our young people accomplished. Truly God has enabled them to do exploits. In many respects the summary for 1935 is better than any that has preceded it. Last year new recruits pressed into our ranks until our membership reached the high-water mark of 11,376; and combined reports for the year show that aside from other lines of activity, these young people during 1935

Gave 167,619 Bible readings
 Made 310,482 missionary visits
 Gave 323,161 persons needed help
 Gave 54,302 treatments
 Distributed 241,821 papers, books, and tracts.

In other words, every week last year our young people

Gave 3,223 Bible readings
 Made 5,970 missionary visits
 Gave 6,214 persons needed help
 Gave 1,044 treatments
 Gave 430 garments
 Distributed 4,650 papers, books and tracts.

Think how many regularly employed workers it would take to accomplish that much in ONE WEEK! Surely we have an army of youth that are doing much as the days go by. We have just received an interesting account of a young man still in his teens who is gathering in precious sheaves up in the mountains of Santo Domingo, and his brother, who is in his early twenties, has raised up several companies of believers already and has many people interested. This picture of faithful soul-winning work by our young people can be duplicated in many, many places in our division.

But the fact remains that we are not accomplishing nearly as much as we should at such a time as this—a time when the last opportunity for saving others is rapidly approaching. Last year only 43 per cent of our Missionary Volunteers were reporting members. That means that out of every one hundred young people enrolled in our societies only forty-three were reporting any missionary work. What are the fifty-seven doing? We must do our utmost to enlist them during this year.

Last year our young people drew more certificates than ever before. That is encouraging. We had the pleasure of issuing

1,683 Bible year certificates
 1,067 Reading Course certificates
 422 Standard of Attainment certificates
 98 Standard of Attainment seals

With gratitude for the past let us bend our energies to make 1936 better in every way than any previous year has been.

Publishing Department

COLPORTEUR INSTITUTES IN THE CARIBBEAN UNION

By *W. A. Bergherm*

During the early part of this year it was the privilege of the writer in company with the manager of the Pacific Press Branch, Brother D. A. Cone, to visit the field of Barbados, and to hold an institute for the colporteurs. While the number of colporteurs of the Leeward Islands Conference is small, due to some of their number having been called to other lines of work, we were glad to see the majority of the same ones who were present at the institute held there three years ago.

Brother Eric Greaves, who for a number of years has served so faithfully and well as field missionary secretary of this field, was at this time preparing to leave in answer to the call of the Guiana Conference, where he is to work in the same capacity. He will be greatly missed by the colporteurs of his former field, but changes of this kind come in this work, and we are sure he will soon find a warm place in the hearts of the members of his new field of labor. We were especially glad to find that one of the colporteurs of the Leeward Islands Conference was prepared to step into the gap, and fill the vacancy made by the departure of Brother Greaves. Brother F. Sebro enters his new work having the confidence of every one of his men, and we believe will be used of the Lord in a strong way in that field to build up a larger force of colporteurs.

A few meetings were held with the colporteurs of the South Caribbean Conference, at the time of the general meetings of that field. Here again we were pleased to meet the familiar faces of most of the faithful colporteurs that were present at our institute three years

prior but we were delighted to see a larger force present. Goals for the future were fixed by the colporteurs, and we believe the year 1936 will see another gain in sales over the previous year.



COMMUNIST LEADER WON BY A MAGAZINE

By C. A. Edwards

(Field Missionary Secretary, Caribbean Union)

Communism seeks entrance to every land and finds adherents among every people. With no less zeal and enthusiasm does Seventh-day Adventism penetrate into every country, every island, and finds lodgment in the hearts of people of every nation, kindred and tongue. When the two find conquest in one human heart, one has to be the victor, and we thank the Lord that in one such conflict over in the French island of Martinique the gospel of peace was welcomed and accepted, and the former gospel of hate was cast forever aside. And the intermediary agent was the French *Les Signes des Temps* sold by a God-fearing young lady, who is making it her chief mission in life to secure subscriptions to this splendid journal.

Miss Benoit was working in the city of Fort-de-France and entered the office of a business man, who failed to evince any interest in the magazine. This business man had a visitor that morning, a man who listened intently to all that was said, but carefully hid his interest. It was none other than Gaston Lycir, a leader of the local communists. The Spirit of God was speaking to his heart, and after some difficulty, he succeeded in locating Miss Benoit, and gave her his subscription to *Les Signes des Temps*. His interest grew as he read the life-giving words from issue to issue, and today he is a baptized member of the Fort-de-France Seventh-day Adventist church. His outlook on life was completely changed, and today he is a very happy man. Miss Benoit is happy that she was the instrument in God's hand in leading a soul to faith in Jesus, and needless to say, Brother Lycir is very thankful that he was in his friend's office when a consecrated colporteur called. Truly, the colporteur work is "a most effective way of saving souls."



"If a man plant briars, he must expect to be pricked by his own crop of thorns."

WITH THE COLPORTEURS OF FRENCH WEST INDIES

By W. A. Bergherm

At the close of the general meeting in the French West Indian Mission, of which a report appeared last month in the MESSENGER, the second colporteur's institute in the history of that field was held. It was a real privilege to meet together once more with the colporteurs of this mission, and we were especially pleased to have with us most of the colporteurs who were present at the first institute three years ago. This always speaks well for the leadership of the field, as well as the faithfulness of the colporteurs. Then, too, we were happy to see some new faces, who had come to swell the number.

In spite of the language difficulty, which made it necessary to translate all of the instruction, there was a splendid interest. Goals were set for the year with keen anticipation on the part of the colporteur. We could not help but feel grateful to God for the ministry of the printed page in this Catholic field as we listened to the colporteurs tell how God is impressing the hearts of people. One of the experiences that came to our attention was that of our young lady colporteur, Miss Benoit. On one occasion she was trying to persuade a gentleman to buy one of our books, but seemingly she was making little headway, for the man would not buy, stating that he thought Adventist books were not worth while and that he already had too many books. While thus engaged, the son of this gentleman entered, and the father explained that the boy had received several books as a reward of good scholarship. He sent the boy to get the books and show them to the young lady. Her attention was attracted by one of them, and with a smile she turned to the father and said, "This is one of those Adventist books which you do not consider worth while. Look at what is written in it." Here is what the father read: "Presented in recognition of excellent scholarship by the Agricultural Bank of Martinique." We thank God that some men in high standing in this field recognize the worth of our books.

Another colporteur sold a book, "Great Controversy," to an ex-priest in the town of Gros-Morne. He read it through, and said to the colporteur later, "I have never read a book like that. It is the truth and everyone ought to

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Sabbath School Department

1935 SABBATH SCHOOL RECORD

By Esther M. Adams

Year	No. S. S.	Memb.	H. Cards	Baptisms
1935	967	40,090	31,421	2,452
1934	904	38,263	29,718	3,368
1933	842	32,560	25,211	3,017
1932	770	28,833	22,870	2,993
1931	722	26,123	18,672	2,494
1930	665	22,681	15,486	1,496

Year	13th Sab.	Invest.	Birthday	Total Off.
1935	\$10,228.07	1,585.81	1,066.78	39,293.22
1934	9,828.70	1,737.57	956.68	36,942.99
1933	8,947.96	1,331.04	754.56	33,452.15
1932	10,741.48	1,561.14	782.44	39,222.89
1931	12,078.32	1,427.35	737.28	41,501.11
1930	13,135.48	1,561.23	880.24	44,928.07

We are sure that the readers of the division paper will be interested in these few figures showing the progress of the Sabbath school work for the past six years, going back to the time of the last General Conference. Why are we sure? Because you are all members of the Sabbath school,—of the Home Department, Travelling Workers, or of the regular Sabbath school. What you do each week in your own Sabbath school helps to make up this report as given above. It all counts—whether you attend regularly, give your birthday and regular offerings, study your lessons daily, etc. In short, the division Sabbath school report shows us what YOU have done—each individual You, wherever you are,—in Guatemala, Colombia, Mexico, Barbados, British Honduras, Curacao or Martinique. HOW DO YOU LIKE THE REPORT OF WHAT YOU HAVE DONE?

See the steady growth in the first three items. These are the gains for the six-year period: Number of Sabbath schools 302; Membership 17,409; number of Honor Cards issued 15,935. This last item is more than 100 per cent. Isn't that splendid! That is in accordance with the growth of church membership throughout the different fields. These are points that have not been hit by the "depression." The number of those baptized should not be affected necessarily, either, but you can see the number has fluctuated considerably, and that the number reported this year is the lowest in five years. Part of this is due to variation in reporting, we know.

Our offerings have increased for the last three years, even though the figures have varied before that time. We have not yet reached the mark we made in 1930, but our courage is good, because

the tide has turned and this year we believe will place us well beyond all previous records. So don't be downcast because of the report of the offerings. We believe you have done valiantly, and will keep on climbing as 1936 urges us onward. Let's see what all of YOU can do this year.

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A VISIT TO SOUTH COLOMBIA
By N. H. Kinzer

(Supt., Pacific Colombia Mission)

The first of this year I had the privilege of visiting for the first time the southernmost part of the Pacific Colombia Mission. Brother Eugenio Plata, our field missionary secretary, made the trip with me. We were especially interested in visiting the two departments of Cauca and Nariño.

After going for six hours by train from Cali south, we arrived at Popayan, the capital of the department of Cauca, a city of about 35,000 inhabitants. One of the most important universities of Colombia is located in this city. Popayan was founded in 1538, and even today retains an aspect of the old Spanish civilization. It is also the birthplace and home of several famous politicians of the country.

It is twelve hours by auto from Popayan to Pasto, capital of the department of Nariño. Pasto has a population of 45,000, and was founded in 1539. The climate is agreeable, being 8,430 feet above sea level. Probably the most attractive object in Pasto is the Galeras volcano. During the last few months several hundred have lost their lives because of earthquakes caused by the Galeras. A few hours after we passed through returning to Cali, this section was visited by a heavy quake that took 300 lives. From Pasto it is a six-hour drive by auto to Ipiales, the last town before entering Ecuador.

These two departments,—Cauca and Nariño—have approximately 1,000,000 people. They have their own outlet to the Pacific ocean, Tumaco being the fourth port in importance in Colombia. Nariño enjoys an agreeable climate throughout, ranging from 5,000 to 14,000 feet in altitude. A short distance to the east of Pasto is a thickly populated Indian country with thousands of

the Putumayo Tribe. They come to Popayan and Pasto by the hundreds on market days. Corn, potatoes, peanuts, and wheat are the outstanding products of Nariño.

What most attracted our attention in these two departments is the fact that of the fourteen departments, these are the only two in which we have no work represented. We do not have a single member in this entire section of the republic. There are about eight cities of 20,000 inhabitants in which we could begin work immediately if we had workers. Our colporteurs entered this country years ago, and in most every office and home we found our message-filled books. Now is the opportune time to enter this most needy country with the message in a verbal form.

Until a year ago it took seven days on horseback to make the trip from Popayan to the Ecuadorean border, but since the war between Colombia and Peru, automobile roads have been opened so that soon it will be possible not only to cross that portion of the country by train and automobile, but also to make the trip by auto from Caracas, Venezuela to Guayaquil, Ecuador, passing through the heart of Colombia. Even now the trip can be made from Caracas to Cali, and within a few months the highway will be finished, permitting traffic from Cali to Riobamba, Ecuador, thus opening the way for vehicle traffic from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

Of course this step forward in making possible rapid transportation only goes to show the urgent need of opening the unentered country with the message of salvation. There is no doubt that Colombia's doors are wide open, and we only ask for more workers to enter this country. We are thankful for the training school which will soon be in operation, and we trust soon to have workers prepared to answer the many calls, thus obeying the command in Isa. 54:2, "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes."

"I SAVED MY BIBLE"

By Julio Garcia D.

A short time ago an old lady living in the llanos of Venezuela and who depended on one of her friends for her daily sustenance, accepted this message and began to keep the Sabbath. Im-

mediately she was told that she would be thrown out of the house. With a sad heart she collected her little bit of luggage and was put into the street. There in that little house she had lived for many happy and peaceful years. Now in her weak condition, in her infirmity she found herself without a roof to cover her and without a wrap. Her eyes were blinded with tears, but her countenance showed forth that supreme tranquillity that only the spirit of Christ can give. A sister in the church opened the doors of her little house and invited the old lady to live with her.

A few days afterwards, while they were attending a service, fire destroyed all that this old lady possessed. Information concerning the loss reached me the following night. I felt sad to think of the fate of this sister and went out to meet her. With my eyes bathed with tears, I extended my hand to clasp hers, but her face was cheerful and calm.

"Did you lose everything?" I asked. "No, Brother Julio. I saved my hammock, my spectacles and my Bible." Despite her loss she seemed optimistic, which reflected itself in her face as she smiled and brought me to the place where the fire had played such havoc. I shall never forget the gladness in her voice as she repeated, "I saved my Bible!"

This is the kind of people that we are sacrificing our lives on the altar to save, and with much love we carry them on our hearts.

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INSTITUTES IN THE GULF MISSION

By C. E. Wood

Our past experience in Mexico has demonstrated that the best way to build up and promote the various interests of our work is to meet the church officers and members in institutes, and study with them their local problems, and their responsibility and relationship to the organized work. It is remarkable how much ground may be covered in an institute lasting three days. Points that are not referred to in the definite studies may be emphasized by means of the question box, and so the instruction is varied to meet the local needs. The evening services are nearly always of an evangelistic na-

ture, and it is indeed encouraging to find the people so ready to respond to the message.

Brother H. F. House, union departmental secretary, and the writer left Mexico City, January 20 for McAllen, Texas. Brother C. E. Moon, superintendent of the Gulf Mission, joined us at Monterrey. We spent a few days counseling with Professor Wineland concerning problems connected with our school in Texas, and held our first meeting at Reynosa, which is the point of entry for our students attending the school in Texas. The company at this place is small. They greatly need a church building, as at present they are meeting in a place that is entirely inadequate for their needs. It is planned to provide a building at this place as soon as possible, as this town will provide an excellent missionary field for the students at the school.

Our first institute was held in Monterrey, which is one of the largest cities in Mexico. There is a growing interest in Monterrey, but no authorized place of meeting. The institute was held in a private home, which was not large enough to accommodate those who attended. Twelve candidates were added to the baptismal class at this place as the result of the evangelistic phase of the institute.

The Gulf Mission is a territory of long distances. To reach our next place of meeting required about two days of travel. Luis Moya is a small village between Torreón and Durango. We were interested to visit this company, nearly all the members of which had formerly been Presbyterians. So many of this church company accepted the message that the *presidente* of the town gave the Presbyterian church to the Seventh-day Adventists. As there was no bus to carry passengers from the station to Luis Moya, the brethren provided a cart drawn by burros to carry our baggage and those of us who wished to ride. The brethren of this place certainly enjoyed our visit, and we greatly appreciated the privilege of becoming acquainted with them. The *presidente* (mayor) of the town attended a number of the meetings and appears to be interested in our message.

In Torreón we have a large church membership and a growing interest. The brethren have rented a building which is probably more spacious than any other place of meeting we have in

Mexico; but the owner keeps raising the rent as the company grows, which perhaps he feels he is justified in doing, as he is taking the risk of penalties.

Just a few miles outside of Torreón we have another company at Gomez Palacio. We held institutes at both of these places making our headquarters at Torreón. The prospects are bright



Some of our promising young people in the French West Indies with Sister Dunn, wife of the superintendent.

for the work in Torreón as the members are active in missionary work. Eight were baptized at Torreón during the institute. Two trucks carried about ninety members to the place of baptism. I marvelled how it could be done. A congregation of this size singing hymns as they passed through the small towns created quite an interest, and the people seemed to wonder what it was all about.

Our next institute was in Chihuahua away in the northern part of the Gulf
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YOUNG PEOPLE ACCEPTING THE TRUTH

By A. Orville Dunn

(Supt., French West Indian Mission)

We thank the Lord for the fine class of young men and young women whom the Lord has given us over here in the

French West Indian Mission. As I look into their eager, alert faces, I thank God for their courage, their devotion, their consecration and their ardor for the Master.

I think of Brother and Sister Chovino alone up there in St. Martin. They have stood so bravely for the truth, and the last Sabbath of October I had the privilege of baptizing three sisters won by their efforts. The government has transferred Brother Bigord up there because he would not teach on the Sabbath. Altogether we have four school-teachers on that island who are Seventh-day Adventists.

Then I think of a young couple in Fort-de-France. The wife has stood very firmly for the truth, and has led others to Jesus. She is a shining light in the Big Week and Harvest Ingathering campaigns.

Then there is the young girl, Irene Ninel, who took her stand while working in a print shop. She gave up her work rather than transgress the Sabbath. Later she was recalled to work by the owner of the shop. She is now working in the mission office and the proprietor of the print shop has sent for an *Adventist* young woman to take her place. Thank God for the splendid example of these young men and women.

The latter part of November, I had the privilege of baptizing twenty persons here in Pointe-a-Pitre, among them a young teacher in a secondary school. He has arranged his hours to be free on the Sabbath and already he has two friends interested. I baptized his fiancée and her father at the same time. All three of these were won through the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

I also recently baptized our first European sister. She is of good courage and determined, with her family, to work for the Master. And so I could continue telling about our splendid young people. I have just concluded a very profitable trip around the field and am greatly encouraged as I see the strong stand the youth of this movement is taking for the truth.

SOUTH CARIBBEAN INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

(Excerpts from their weekly news letter)

"The 1936 Harvest Ingathering campaign is fully launched and the enthusiasm is running high," says Pastor S. L. Ash, home missionary secretary for the conference. South Caribbean

set its goal for \$3,500.00. Their slogan is, "Life Savers: Dollars Mean Souls;" and for their encouragement definite assignments were made from the book, "Triumphs of Faith," twice weekly during the campaign which was March 7 to April 18.

There are fifty-seven organized churches and twelve companies in the conference, according to the list presented in their news letter.

The following encouraging statements have come from the various churches and groups:

"We should not even think of failure as we go forth to sow the seeds of truth contained in the Harvest Ingathering magazine, but thank our heavenly Father beforehand for producing the harvest both of souls and funds."

"I have never witnessed the brethren more enthusiastic than this year. Every person is sharing a part in this campaign and trying his or her best. We are determined to reach our goal by God's help."

"All the members, from the gray-headed ones to the youngest in the church, are taking an active part."

"We are determined by the grace of God to meet our goal. We are with you to help finish this good work."

"We are glad to report that the members are doing fine in the Ingathering campaign."

"I am glad to say that the members and their band leaders are doing good house to house work."

"Ours is a working church and its members are determined to make this campaign an outstanding one in the history of the South Caribbean Conference."

"San Fernando is well organized—singing bands and all."

"We are going on fine in our Harvest Ingathering work. Our forces are well organized and we are doing aggressive work. . . . We anticipate reaching our goal very soon."

"We want to double it (the goal) if we can. . . . Every member set a goal and the total is over the conference goal."

"The young people of the Port-of-Spain church (Trinidad) are alive with enthusiasm. They have set their goal at \$100.00 but are expecting to reach far beyond it. The adult members are not saying much but are going ahead."

"Let us speed up the progress of the cause of God in the world until we hear from the lips of the Saviour, 'It is finished.'"

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SABBATH SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

By A. R. Ogden

The growth of our Sabbath school membership in the Antillian Union during recent years has indeed been most encouraging. During the years we have looked forward to a membership of twenty thousand. That was set as our goal for 1935, and we are glad to say that this number was reached and passed by a small margin.

The membership in the union eight years ago was just over seven thousand; thus to see the number increased almost three times that number is indeed a source of satisfaction. While the church membership has not quite reached twelve thousand, the twenty thousand in our Sabbath schools give an increase of nearly two to one in favor of the Sabbath school. And this, we believe, is as it should be in every field. The Sabbath school, "the cradle of the church," should be maintained in a strong way, for in its growth and strength rests to a large measure the future growth of the church.

While each of the seven fields of the Antillian Union has made a splendid gain, there are certain fields that stand out prominently. It may be noted in this connection that we have work on twelve islands of the Bahamas, three in the Cayman group and the Isle of Pines near the island of Cuba.

The Sabbath school work has made a marvelous growth of recent years in the Santo Domingo Mission. In 1928 its Sabbath school membership was less than three hundred. At the close of 1935 it had grown to over 2500. There are a number of home department schools held Sabbath afternoons which we believe are laying a foundation for a great harvest of souls.

Jamaica, the oldest and largest field in the union, has a Sabbath school membership of 7,240. Haiti has nearly 5,000, and Puerto Rico is reaching up well towards 2,000 members. Even the little scattered Bahamas field has reached nearly 500.

Pray for the Sabbath schools, and remember these twenty thousand members who are wending their way over

hill, mountain, and plain in the islands of the Antillian Union each Sabbath. Few of them go in automobiles. Most of them wend their way over crooked paths and rocky steeps on foot, but what hearts of love and burning zeal characterize these dear people in their search for truth and study of the Scriptures!

Thank God for the great Sabbath school organization in the world field and for what it is accomplishing in that "higher education" for people of all languages and of all lands,—the islands not excluded!



THE CAYMAN ISLANDS MISSION

By Leila T. Crawford

The "baby mission" of the Antillian Union is of good courage despite the gloomy appearances at times.

Once more our East End church has rendered a very helpful program, under the leadership of Brother S. Walter. The proceeds were used for local church expenses. Since that, we have been made sad by the loss of Brother Walter's wife and of Sister Rose Ross of Georgetown.

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OUT OF EGYPT INTO CANAAN

By C. B. Sutton

A few days ago I left Belize in a small canoe in answer to a call from the settlers along the banks of the Sibun river. Sometime ago a man and his wife were baptized who lived on this river in a little place called Egypt. They have been busy working for their neighbors and conducting a little Sabbath school in their home. It would have cheered your hearts to see how they succeeded in their work. When I reached their home about five o'clock in the afternoon it was not long until their little boats began to come in from up and down the river, and that night we had a very interesting time with them. After the meeting we had the privilege of marrying a couple who had been living together for seven years, but when this message came to their home they saw the importance of getting married. There is nothing that cleans up the life like this truth.

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THE INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION

By E. E. Andross

With profound gratitude to God for the wonderful way in which He has so graciously wrought through humble instruments, and with very meager facilities, in extending the triumphs of the third angel's message throughout the territory of the Inter-American Division, we present this report covering the six-year period since the General Conference session of 1930. We are painfully conscious of the fact that far more might have been accomplished during this same period had we measured up to our privileges as "laborers together with God." And as we think of the additional thousands who might now be with us, rejoicing in this glorious truth, had all been animated and vitalized by the Holy Spirit, and had all untiringly labored with holy zeal in proclaiming the gospel, there is left no room for pride; but, instead, we are called to repentance and humility of heart.

However, we would be unworthy of the trust reposed in us if we should hesitate to tell you what God hath wrought. From January 1930 to December 1935, 20,103 were received into our churches by baptism. During the preceding six-year period—1924 to 1929—there were 8,747 baptized. This shows a gain for the latter period over the former one of 11,356 or 129.8 per cent in the number baptized. The number received into the church by baptism since January 1930 seems, from available records, to exceed the entire number baptized during the preceding 46 years since the work began in this field.

Among the various divisions of the General Conference, Inter-America, in 1930, held eighth place in the number of baptisms for the year. In 1931 we occupied fourth place, in 1932 third place, in 1933 third place, and in 1934 second place. In other words: in five years we climbed from the eighth place in the number of baptisms for the year to the second, North America alone being ahead of us. However, I greatly fear we may not hold second place for 1935; as the number of baptisms for that year are slightly less than for 1934.

Our church membership has increased during the past sexennial period from 14,602 to 28,132, showing a net gain of 13,530 or 92.6 per cent, an average

of 15.4 per cent per year. During the same period there were 176 new churches organized, making a total of 514 churches in the division at the close of 1935.

We thank God for the measure of prosperity that has attended this phase of our work as indicated by the rapidly increasing number of lights that are being kindled in many remote corners of this field; but we will never rest till the following prophecy is fulfilled:

"I saw jets of light shining from cities and villages, and from the high places and the low places of the earth. God's Word was obeyed, and as a result there were memorials for Him in every city and village."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, page 128.

New lights have been kindled on many islands of the West Indies, and churches and companies have been established upon a large number of them where previous to 1930 we had no representatives. In the French islands, with a population of more than half a million, a separate mission was organized in 1928, and now it has a rapidly growing constituency. Large areas of our continental territory previously unoccupied have been entered. The message is now being carried in ten or more new tongues among the aboriginal Indian tribes of Mexico, Guatemala, and British Guiana. It is, however, with deep regret that we must report our inability, thus far, to re-enter the Indian territory in Venezuela where our missionaries had awakened a large interest among a people known to us as the "Davis" Indians. From this territory our missionaries were forcibly expelled. Till now we have not succeeded in securing permission for them to resume their work. However, two new missions have since been established across the border in British Guiana among the Indians where Brother Davis worked, and two churches organized with a membership of about 100, and about 300 in the Sabbath schools. Though the Indians in Venezuela have suffered severe persecution, it is reported by visitors to the British Missions that large numbers are faithful to the light they received. Some way must be found to care for the interests of that work.

Finances

In common with the other divisions, we suffered severely during the period between 1929 to 1933 from reductions in tithes and mission offerings, amounting to \$65,663.88. However, during 1934 and 1935 there have been fairly good gains in some of our local fields, lifting the tithe a little beyond what it was in 1929. The mission offerings are still \$24,009.24 short of the amount received in 1929. Very strenuous efforts have been made to encourage our people to faithfulness in their stewardship, and this has produced most encouraging results. The mission offerings for 1935 showed a gain of 29.4 per cent above the receipts for 1933.

The losses we sustained from various sources compelled us to reduce our operating expenses the past two years by about \$100,000.00 per year. While it has been a severe test to our faith, and has called for the most rigid economy, through this experience we have learned more of what the Saviour meant when He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." It has been a very trying experience, and we have been unable to replace a few most successful evangelists who were compelled to retire from the field because of failing health.

Extreme poverty prevails among our people in almost every section of this division, and yet, notwithstanding this deep poverty, during this six-year period \$693,305.29 was paid in tithe, and \$412,613.13 in mission offerings. The total amount contributed within the division toward the support of this cause was \$1,250,750.69, or about 47 per cent of the total disbursements. I am pleased to report a continual increase in the per cent raised in the field. Our goal is self-support; but there are such vast stretches of unentered and undeveloped territories that we can hardly hope to reach this goal soon. Our first and highest goal is to plant the standard of this message in every dark corner of this great field; and to attain this goal we are toiling day and night with unceasing vigilance.

Home Missionary

Were it not for the unceasing activity of a large per cent of our lay membership, both in personal labor and in evangelistic efforts, this report of progress could not be given. Very strenuous efforts have been made through the department leadership, and by our ministry, to enlist the entire church mem-

bership in the work of soul-saving; and we are thankful to say that our reporting membership stands at 93 per cent. Truly, the response has been most gratifying. The following is a summary of the work done so far as it can be reported on paper.

No. Bible readings or gospel meetings	2,825,953
No. Missionary visits	3,981,138
No. Persons given needed help	2,512,654
No. Persons taken to S. S. or services	672,975
No. Treatments given	800,065
No. Hours Christian help work	295,877
No. Articles clothing given away	279,587
No. Periodicals, books, etc., distrib.	3,156,757

The following will serve to illustrate the experience of scores, yes of hundreds of other lay members:

"Brother Ayers is one of the most active members in the South Caribbean Conference. This church of Erin with its thirty-two members stands as a monument to this brother's faithful efforts. These members are thoroughgoing Adventists entering heartily into the campaigns and other work of the church. It took Brother Ayers two years to gather this number. Since then he has begun work in two other places. The first place is eleven and one-half miles away, making a twenty-three mile trip. He used his bicycle for a time and later he walked. Now he has moved to another place to develop an interest and has a growing Sabbath school. Brother Ayres is a humble, hard working man, making his living by laboring in the fields for a small wage. His library consists of his Bible, 'Bible Readings,' 'Haskell's Handbook,' 'How to Give Bible Readings,' and the 'Bible Training School.'"

Educational

Very material improvement has been made in the five training schools now in operation in this division, two for the English, two for the Spanish, and one for the French. We have been compelled to close one of our Spanish training schools, due to the enactment of very drastic laws prohibiting all religious teaching in schools within the republic. We are hopeful, however, that this handicap, at an early date, may be overcome, at least in a measure.

Since our last report a beautiful location has been secured for the Central American Union school near the city of San José, Costa Rica, and practically fire-proof buildings have been constructed, with sufficient accommodation for about eighty students. We are very grateful for the appropriations from the General Conference that have made this possible; also for the mate-

rial financial aid given locally. This institution is located in the midst of 10,000,000 Spanish-speaking people, and is supported by a rapidly growing constituency.

Due to unavoidable conditions our French training school had to be moved and is now temporarily located in the city of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Even under these unfavorable surroundings it is doing good work; but we must appeal for help to secure a suitable location, and accommodation for at least fifty or sixty students.

At this time we are endeavoring to establish a training school in the Colombia-Venezuela Union with a population of about 12,000,000, and one of the most promising fields for the future of our work if we do not delay till the way of advance is hedged up.

All our advanced schools greatly need additional help in providing more industrial equipment to enable a far larger number of our youth to secure a Christian education. It is conservatively estimated that we have from 17,000 to 18,000 children and youth of school age in this division, many of whom are compelled to attend Catholic schools, while others have no school privileges whatever. Till recently we were unable to provide trained teachers for church schools, but now this work is being undertaken in four of our unions, and will be developed as rapidly as possible. No greater thirst for Christian training can be found among the youth of any land than that which prevails here.

Publishing Work

The very first seeds planted in the hearts of the people of this division were borne to these tropical shores in the form of our papers and books. The soil proved to be very fruitful, and a rich harvest is now being reaped. Our colporteurs, numbering now nearly 200, are traveling over the high Andes and the extension of the Rocky Mountain ranges, over the broad savannahs, across luxuriant valleys through tropical jungles, often fording raging mountain torrents or the still flowing waters of some alligator, or crocodile-infested river, exposing themselves to every conceivable physical peril, including the bite of poisonous reptiles,—all that they may search out lost souls, placing in their hands the life-giving message of the Third Angel. What a record of self-sacrifice is now being chronicled in the heavenly courts and soon this record will be opened to our astonished

view. While the noble band of colporteurs constitute the vanguard of this army, many of our brethren in the churches, both young and old, are partakers with them in the sacrifices, and will share with them in the reward.

During this six-year period \$572,-698.54 worth of literature was sold. This was less than that sold the preceding period, but 1935 witnessed a gain over 1934 of \$21,781.90 and the first quarter of 1936 a \$5,000.00 gain over the same quarter of 1935.

Young People

One striking feature of the work in this division is the fact that a very large per cent of the converts to the faith are young people. In the French West Indian Mission eighty-two were baptized during 1935. Of this number fifty-two were less than thirty years of age. This is an illustration of what is occurring in other fields. The truth is drawing the cream of the youth; and they in turn begin at once to labor for other youth; hence the good results that follow.

At the close of 1929 there were 322 societies with a membership of 4,714. At the close of 1935 there were 482 societies, with a membership of 11,376. This shows a gain in the number of societies of 160, or 49.6 per cent and an increase in the membership of 6,662, or 141 per cent. The number baptized during the six-year period was 6,261, showing a gain over the like preceding period of 3,074, or 96 per cent.

During six years our young people reported:

1,479,218	Missionary visits made
884,240	Bible readings given
1,013,671	Hours of Christian help work
1,206,770	Papers, etc., distributed
83,155	Letters written

As indicated by the last available report for the world field the membership of the young people's societies of Inter-America stood fourth in the list, while in the following items they received the highest rating of all the divisions: per cent of Missionary Volunteer members reporting, number of young people baptized per 100 church members, number Bible readings or cottage meetings per society, and in missionary visits.

It is a real joy to work for and with young people whose hearts are nerved with such holy fervor as many of them reveal. The spirit of the martyrs has not departed from the church.

Sabbath School

During the period covered by this report 321 new Sabbath schools have been organized. The gain in member-

ship is 19,828, or 97.8 per cent. In other words, in 1929 we had 20,262 members and in 1935, 40,090, just 434 short of doubling the membership in six years. We now have 967 Sabbath schools lighting up the darkness from the Rio Grande on the northwest, almost to the mouth of the Amazon on the southeast; and from the Equator in Colombia to 32 degrees north latitude. Through this agency 57.4 per cent of all mission offerings are raised.

That our people take a real interest in the Sabbath school is evidenced by the fact that in 1930, 15,486 honor cards were issued while in 1935 this had increased to 30,971, making a total of 142,928 for the period.

At the Leeward Islands Conference held recently in Bridgetown, Barbados, the Sabbath school secretary pinned on to the coat of Brother James Stringer, fifty-eight years of age, perfect record ribbons for seventeen consecutive years. For twenty-five years he has not been absent from Sabbath school nor has he been tardy. Upon one occasion he was confined to his bed for several days with what seemed to be a serious illness, and he was told by his physician that he must not leave his bed; but his desire to preserve his perfect record was so great that he disregarded this counsel and made his way to the church on foot, and was on time. Another, Gladstone Robinson, twenty-eight years old, held perfect record ribbons for thirteen consecutive years.

Conclusion

It will not be out of place for me to add a brief report of progress covering the fourteen year period since the organization of this division in 1922. The growth is shown in the following table:

	1921		1935		Per Cent	
	Members	Schools	Members	Schools	Gain	Gain
Churches	189	514	325	171.9		
Membership	7,369	28,132	20,763	281.7		
Sabbath Schools	287	967	680	236.9		
Membership	8,269	40,090	31,821	384.8		
M. V. Societies	79	482	403	510.0		
Membership	1,662	11,376	9,714	584.4		

From December 2, 1886, the date of the holding of the first Sabbath service in this territory, to 1922, when the widely scattered fields were organized into a division of the General Conference, the work was carried forward with much sacrifice, some having laid down their lives in service. But this sacrifice was not made in vain. A strong foundation was thus laid upon which others have been building.

We are conscious of the fact that increased numbers, or increase in material facilities in the cause of God, do not constitute the real test of prosperity. The crucial test is purity and holiness of life and character in the adherents to this cause. Measured by this standard, we believe the work in this division is making real advancement; that the Remnant Church here, with our sister divisions in all the world, is moving forward, upward, and heavenward.

All the local fields in this division, numbering twenty-eight, share in the advancement here reported. The increases are cumulative. The forward movement is daily gathering momentum. Never before have we listened to such urgent appeals for help. Mul-

titudes seem to have been seized with a terrible fear of impending destruction, and, with feverish anxiety, are seeking a refuge. *This is God's hour of opportunity! This is our hour of responsibility!* God will never fail to supply our need, however great. What shall be our response to His appeal? Shall we, like men of God, shoulder this responsibility in this supreme hour? or shall we, in this last, last hour of human need, prove recreant to our most solemn pledge of loyalty? "Christ expects every man to do his duty."

The light of truth is now penetrating the darkness of every field, and is shining forth with ever-increasing effulgency. "Thou hast increased the nation, O Lord, Thou hast increased the nation: Thou art glorified." Isa. 26:15.

WITH OUR MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

HAVE FAITH IN PEOPLE

The other day I read the report of an evangelist which was heart stirring. He has just baptized thirty new believers, and has seventeen more who are still studying, but who are almost ready to take that final step which will admit them to membership in the remnant church—that church which keeps "the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

As I read the word picture of that consecration scene, there was superimposed upon it another picture—a campground with rows of khaki tents grouped around a large pavilion in the center of a beautiful oak grove. A youth—an awkward, bashful youth with an unruly cowlick on his crown—stands leaning against one of the outer "big tent" poles, twisting in nervous hands a brown cap that has seen better days. But his eyes are clear and blue and candid—and determined—as he listens earnestly to the tall, gray-haired woman in the uniform of a graduate nurse, who is talking so earnestly just to him. "Now mind," she says as some one else claims her attention, "you plan on school in September. Sell all the books you can, but if you don't make a scholarship, *come anyway!*"

"Thank you, Miss Merrill, and I'll do my level best," he promises earnestly, and then turns away.

The nurse-lady watches him with a worried pucker on her brow. "I'm so afraid he won't come," she sighs, "but

he just *must*. He hasn't any folks to help him and encourage him, and we must keep right after him. I've had my eye on that boy for three years. He's a diamond in the rough—but what a jewel of a worker he'll make for God when we get him polished up!"

Two years later I chanced to visit the school where George was a student. It had been going hard, but he had stuck. "I couldn't disappoint Miss Merrill, you know," and he smiled his quiet smile. "She has faith that I'll be a minister some day. I'm working at it."

He was not brilliant, but he was one of those folks upon whom you can always count. He worked at hard manual labor—*hours* every day; and he spent more *hours* digging the very most possible out of his lessons. "George is a real student," his teachers said proudly. "George is all wool and *more* than a yard wide," his schoolmates testified.

And so the years of study came and went. At last there dawned a Commencement morning when the selfsame young man who had once made such an awkward appearance upon the campground, marched with firm, assured step at the head of his class. He was their president and also—surprising as it may seem—their valedictorian.

As a student colporteur he had won five persons—so far as certain knowledge went—to the Master whom he loves and serves; and as a student minister his success was so outstanding that

a place was already open and waiting for him. Yes, George was really graduating.

After the benediction which closed the impressive exercise, he stood a moment, with his diploma in hand, looking over the crowd that filled the auditorium and surged forward. Then he made a bee-line for a tall woman—older and grayer now and not standing quite so straight as when we first met her—whom he saw at the back of the room.

"Miss Merrill," he said when he reached her side, "I want you to be the first to congratulate me. If it hadn't been for your faith in me, I would never have had the courage to keep on keeping on!"

And now this diamond in the rough,

cut and polished for the Master's use, is a successful evangelist in his own right. Forty-seven new believers in the third angel's message as the result of a summer-season effort! A tabernacle, an assistant, and several Bible workers under his direction—that's George today!

A tangible result of faith? Yes—now!

But what about all those years when his success was merely "the substance of things hoped for" by this devoted friend of his dead mother, who sacrificed more than he will ever guess, to bring her faith to this concrete reality? —*Lora E. Clement.*

"The earth, O Lord is full of Thy mercy: teach me Thy statutes."

Christian Home Circle

SOME PARENTS SUPPOSE

Some parents *suppose* that they can send their children to schools where God says, "It is no longer safe," and that their children will remain Christians.

Some parents *suppose* that promiscuous association will not injure the character of their children.

Some parents *suppose* that the wrong kind of reading and text books will not lead their children astray.

Some parents *suppose* that infidel, atheistic, and evolutionary sentiments and teachings five days of the week, can be counteracted in the lives of their children by one hour and fifteen minutes spent in the Sabbath school once a week.

Some parents *suppose* that their children will be able to distinguish and choose judiciously between right and wrong, forgetting that this power to choose rightly is a product of Christian education itself.

Some parents *suppose* that God will work a miracle to care for their children when they fail or refuse to place them where He has said they should be.

Some parents *suppose* that God did not quite understand economic conditions in 1936 when He said "It is no longer safe," and "Gather the children out from those schools where worldly influences prevail."

Some parents *suppose* that it will be safe to send their children to schools of the world till the finishing year, pro-

viding they put them in the academy for the finishing touches.

Some parents *suppose*, or let us say, hope, that the inexorable law which says, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap," will not prove true in the case of their children.

Some parents *suppose* that their judgment in regard to school matters is as good as, if not better than, God's plain instruction regarding this matter.

The odds are against the boys and girls growing up today. They should be granted every privilege and opportunity possible for making good. We run a fearful risk when we refuse or neglect to follow God's way for our children. While our schools are not perfect and never will be till human nature is changed, yet Christian Seventh-day Adventist schools have been ordained of God for the salvation of our young people, and they should be patronized 100 per cent.

"In planning for the education of their children outside the home, parents should realize that it is no longer safe to send them to the public school, and should endeavor to send them to schools where they will obtain an education based on a Scriptural foundation."—*"Counsels to Teachers,"* p. 205. —*C. D. Striplin, in Pacific Union Recorder.*

"True friends visit us in prosperity, but in adversity they come without invitation."

THE ROYAL ROAD TO HEALTH

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two juveniles, her interest widened to the church. And then one night, six months after what she had deemed the cross she could not endure—the care of those little ones—had descended upon her, she arose in prayer meeting to testify that she was no longer a sick woman,—that she was now a well woman, healed by forgetting herself in service to others.

Nor is this the only case of its kind. Many others could be cited to prove that the royal road to healing is the path of self-forgetfulness. It is royal because He walked it—the Lord of glory who "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." In the footsteps of that Great Physician there is healing. Take this prescription:

"Follow the Christ, the King, in service for others!"—*Llewelyn Wilcox, in Health magazine, February, 1936.*

WITH THE COLPORTEURS OF FRENCH WEST INDIES

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read that book." He had formerly opposed his wife visiting our meetings, but now, we are told, she is free to come as she wishes. The priests of that place forced the owner of the house in which one of our Adventist families were living, and in which our meetings were being held, to vacate. This ex-priest immediately offered his house to this family, and now we have a better place for the meetings. Truly, God causeth the wrath of men to praise Him.

Again and again as we visit from place to place are we made to realize that God can use the most humble instrument when fully consecrated. The case of one of our colporteurs, Brother Dumar, also of the French Islands, came to our attention. This brother, we are told, can scarcely express himself in clear French, and the brethren in charge of the work hesitated to even permit him to start work, but evidently the Spirit of the Lord was at work in his heart. This brother in his humble way sold one of our large books to one of the engineers in the Public Works Department. After reading the book, he told the colporteur, "Whenever you are ready to build an Adventist chapel here in town, be sure to call on me, for I expect to help." The superintendent of the mission stated that God is using this brother in spite of his lack

STATISTICAL REPORT

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
NAME OF CONFERENCE OR MISSION	Number of Churches	Membership at Beginning of Quarter	Members added during quarter			Members dropped during quarter			Missing	Entire Church Membership at Close of Quarter	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Licensed Missionaries	Book and Periodical Canvassers	Total Laborers	Total Tithe Receipts	Tithe Per Capita	Total Offerings to Foreign Missions (except as indicated under 20)
			By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	By Letter	By Death	By Apostasy	By Letter										
1 Antillian Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	5	..	10	..	..	..
2 Bahamas Mission	14	440	30	..	..	1	7	..	..	462	2	..	4	..	6	464.13	1.10	29.21
3 Cayman Isls. Miss.	3	98	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	96	..	1	1	..	2	125.26	1.51	40.47
4 Cuba Conference	40	1,645	236	1	111	6	13	124	..	1,850	7	4	4	30	45	3,509.65	2.69	382.89
5 Haiti Mission	28	2,632	44	..	..	..	139	3	..	2,534	8	3	15	5	31	1,520.95	.67	480.36
6 Jamaica Conf.	88	5,101	271	14	28	13	51	15	122	5,213	11	5	15	19	50	4,947.51	1.04	3,147.29
7 Puerto Rico Miss	14	720	55	..	..	4	9	5	..	757	4	5	5	8	22	1,836.95	3.05	341.07
8 Santo Domingo M.	11	779	83	..	2	5	21	3	..	835	4	1	8	5	18	1,098.68	1.59	54.03
Union Totals	198	11,415	719	15	141	29	240	150	124	11,747	39	21	57	67	184	13,503.13	1.33	4,475.32
9 Caribbean Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	10	..	15	..	..	..
10 French W. I. Miss.	6	189	40	..	8	..	..	10	..	226	..	1	3	6	11	514.71	4.72	237.91
11 Guiana Conference	25	1,305	66	..	5	4	5	4	..	1,363	4	..	9	10	24	1,138.38	.97	705.03
12 Leeward Isls. Conf.	32	2,232	105	1	30	4	32	31	..	2,301	3	2	6	4	16	2,202.36	1.23	245.39
13 South Carib. Conf.	56	3,459	117	1	16	17	47	15	5	3,509	7	2	9	11	32	3,767.40	1.18	522.58
Union Totals	119	7,185	328	2	59	25	85	60	5	7,399	15	8	37	31	98	7,622.85	1.22	1,710.91
14 Central Amer. U.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	12	..	16	..	..	..
15 Br. Honduras Miss.	15	615	33	..	10	3	1	5	..	649	1	1	2	..	5	985.42	1.99	299.10
16 Costa Rica Miss.	7	328	..	..	2	3	4	1	..	322	1	1	2	..	4	936.11	3.31	637.45
17 Guatemala Mission	4	311	20	..	3	2	..	..	..	332	1	2	4	6	13	331.41	1.37	433.04
18 Honduras Mission	7	238	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	239	1	1	3	1	6	706.28	4.23	611.30
19 Nicaragua Mission	6	242	27	1	17	1	1	19	..	266	2	..	4	2	8	367.67	1.83	132.62
20 Panama Conference	30	1,426	46	..	6	4	26	18	2	1,428	2	1	6	3	12	3,068.63	2.09	1,143.63
21 Salvador Mission	6	334	21	..	..	3	12	..	2	339	1	2	2	3	8	431.14	1.40	158.21
Union Totals	75	3,494	168	2	38	16	44	43	4	3,595	11	10	35	16	72	6,826.66	2.16	3,455.35
22 Colombia-Ven. U.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3	..	6	..	..	..
23 Atlantic Col. M.	7	365	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	365	..	..	6	9	9	606.69	1.88	267.75
24 Central Col. M.	8	256	7	..	..	..	3	..	..	260	1	..	1	2	4	595.00	3.65	344.53
25 Curacao Mission	2	69	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	78	1	..	1	..	2	303.92	6.75	693.62
26 Pacific Colombia M.	8	288	16	..	3	1	..	..	21	285	1	1	4	3	9	392.37	2.24	302.73
27 Upper Magdalena M.	3	211	41	..	..	1	5	..	..	246	..	1	2	2	5	421.71	2.62	209.99
28 Venezuela Mission	8	426	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	425	2	..	9	4	15	925.52	2.08	465.83
Union Totals	36	1,615	73	..	3	3	8	..	21	1,659	6	4	23	17	50	3,245.21	2.48	2,284.45
29 Mexican Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	4	..	8	..	..	..
30 Central Mex. Miss.	12	889	81	..	..	..	..	..	..	970	1	3	6	17	27	1,961.33	2.99	748.02
31 Gulf Mex. Miss.	20	741	46	..	..	1	1	..	..	785	5	2	4	20	31	1,476.71	2.28	869.50
32 Lake Mission	6	296	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	304	2	..	3	7	12	827.54	3.57	308.21
33 Tehuantepec Miss.	48	1,610	66	..	..	3	..	..	..	1,673	5	3	4	13	25	2,127.72	1.67	1,111.99
Union Totals	86	3,536	201	..	..	4	1	..	..	3,732	14	11	21	57	103	6,393.30	2.28	3,037.72
34 Inter-Amer. Div.	198	11,415	719	15	141	29	240	150	124	11,747	39	21	57	67	184	13,503.13	1.33	4,475.32
35 Antillian Union	119	7,185	328	2	59	25	85	60	5	7,399	15	8	37	31	98	7,622.85	1.22	1,710.91
36 Caribbean Union	75	3,494	168	2	38	16	44	43	4	3,595	11	10	35	16	72	6,826.66	2.16	3,455.35
37 Central Am. Union	36	1,615	73	..	3	3	8	..	21	1,659	6	4	23	17	50	3,245.21	2.48	2,284.45
38 Col.-Ven. Union	86	3,536	201	..	..	4	1	..	..	3,732	14	11	21	57	103	6,393.30	2.28	3,037.72
Division Totals	514	27,245	1,489	19	241	77	378	253	154	28,132	89	56	185	188	525	37,591.15	1.59	14,963.75

of the language in the winning of souls, and selling books.

The institute was a happy occasion, and our hearts were all drawn to the Lord. God is richly blessing the efforts of the field missionary secretary, Brother Jean-Elie, to build up a strong work. During the past year he was enabled to report a gain of 29 per cent over the previous year. We believe there will even be a greater gain during the present year.

THE CAYMAN ISLANDS MISSION

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Pastor Crawford brings an encouraging report from the Brac. Even though the church building has not been erected since the storm, there are several inter-

ested in the truth and attendance at divine service is good.

It was my privilege to visit at East End for seven days. The night meetings are well attended. The Missionary Volunteers set their goals for 1936 and are determined by God's help to reach the standards. The Volunteers at Georgetown are reaching higher this year than last.

For the first time in the history of this mission we have a Sabbath School Workers' Training Class, studying each week the wonderful lessons prescribed in this course. Our aim is with God's aid to finish what we have begun, and make others better because of our training.

Little Thurlow Andrews, aged 7, received a one-year book mark for a per-

fect Sabbath school record during 1935. Sister Victoria Henderson was presented with a book mark which showed her perfect record for ten years.

It was necessary for little nine-year-old Tonita to stay a few weeks with some people who lived a long distance from the church. They were not believers, so she could not get to Sabbath school while there. Anticipating this, she joined the Home Department, got some *Little Friends* and Scripture cards, so she could have Sabbath school with the children where she was. Tonita had to act as superintendent, secretary, and teacher, but she faithfully conducted her services, distributing the cards and papers, and taking the offering. On her return she reported her endeavors, and I was so impressed with the child's

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Statement of the Mission Funds of the Inter-American Division for the Year 1935

	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
	Total Sab- bath School Contributions (to Foreign Missions)	Mission Offerings Per Capita	Total Contri- butions for Home Mission Work	Total Contri- butions for Local Church Work	No. of Sab- bath Schools	Membership	Goal per Week per Member	Membership 1935	Goal to Date	Amount Raised	Amount Short	Amount Over	Average per Week Per Member
1	158.52	.44	40.84	145.59	17	490	.08	423	1,759.68	832.21	927.47	.....	.04
2	41.14	.98	.....	3.81	5	161	.08	83	345.28	196.80	148.48	.....	.05
3	905.68	.99	3.54	217.78	90	3,152	.12	1,307	8,155.68	4,911.11	3,244.57	.....	.07+
4	580.54	.47	5.50	.....	71	4,890	.08	2,280	9,484.80	3,254.94	6,229.86	.....	.03
5	1,486.88	.98	150.70	456.64	119	7,217	.08	4,736	19,701.76	10,774.88	8,926.88	.....	.04+
6	479.08	1.36	.....	258.17	24	1,298	.20	603	6,271.20	3,769.30	2,501.90	.....	.12+
7	498.05	.80	20.17	54.83	20	2,600	.20	690	7,176.00	3,081.80	4,094.20	.....	.09
	4,149.89	.85	220.75	1,136.82	346	19,808	10+	10,122	52,894.40	26,821.04	26,073.36	.....	.05+
9	118.99	3.27	.....	79.22	14	274	.18	109	1,020.24	896.97	123.27	.....	.16-
10	429.32	.97	.....	220.88	34	1,543	.07	1,175	4,277.00	2,164.71	2,112.29	.....	.04
11	816.42	.59	.....	362.97	37	2,463	.08	1,793	7,458.88	4,137.65	3,321.23	.....	.04+
12	648.39	.37	.....	385.16	68	3,754	.08	3,181	13,232.96	5,702.08	7,530.88	.....	.03+
	2,013.12	.60	.....	1,048.23	153	8,034	.08-	6,258	25,989.08	12,901.41	13,087.67	.....	.04-
14	552.53	1.72	16.38	20.89	20	624	.15	495	3,861.00	1,965.43	1,895.57	.....	.08-
15	271.49	3.28	1.46	125.60	11	407	.28	233	4,120.48	2,029.47	2,091.01	.....	.14-
16	107.97	2.32	1.19	20.85	20	435	.28	242	3,523.52	1,296.28	2,227.24	.....	.10+
17	259.97	5.22	.....	.....	13	299	.28	167	2,431.52	1,660.38	771.14	.....	.19+
18	138.99	1.35	.....	100.42	11	335	.28	201	2,926.56	917.94	2,008.62	.....	.09-
19	905.43	1.39	4.85	666.70	35	1,523	.15	1,470	11,466.00	5,844.78	5,621.22	.....	.08-
20	118.30	.89	.....	20.70	14	397	.15	309	2,410.20	1,097.24	1,312.96	.....	.07-
	2,354.68	1.83	23.88	955.16	124	4,040	.18-	3,167	30,739.28	14,811.52	15,927.76	.....	.09-
22	191.00	1.42	.....	46.80	25	667	.25	323	4,199.00	1,250.56	2,948.44	.....	.07+
23	173.35	3.18	.....	47.07	12	346	.25	163	2,119.00	1,295.45	823.55	.....	.15+
24	104.10	17.73	.....	52.42	2	116	.25	45	585.00	1,527.90	.....	942.90	.65+
25	133.93	2.50	.....	27.38	19	332	.25	175	2,275.00	1,269.26	1,005.74	.....	.14-
26	107.16	1.97	.....	35.59	19	451	.25	161	2,093.00	641.60	1,451.40	.....	.08-
27	241.65	1.59	.....	109.93	14	424	.25	444	5,772.00	2,011.90	3,760.10	.....	.09-
	951.19	2.47	.....	319.19	91	2,336	.25	1,311	17,043.00	7,996.67	9,046.33	942.90	.12-
29	414.07	1.77	50	106.51	83	1,630	.20	656	6,822.40	2,366.96	4,455.44	.....	.07-
30	392.02	1.95	19.36	14.29	46	1,167	.15	648	5,054.40	2,222.70	2,831.70	.....	.07-
31	126.15	1.87	8.60	9.62	13	328	.15	232	1,809.60	780.05	1,029.55	.....	.06+
32	584.51	1.33	185.02	.....	111	2,747	.12	1,273	7,924.80	3,443.42	4,481.38	.....	.05+
	1,516.75	1.62	213.48	130.42	253	5,872	.10+	2,809	14,606.80	8,813.13	5,793.67	.....	.06+
34	4,149.89	.85	220.75	1,136.82	346	19,808	10+	10,122	52,894.40	26,821.04	26,073.36	.....	.05+
35	2,013.12	.60	.....	1,048.23	153	8,034	.08-	6,258	25,989.08	12,901.41	13,087.67	.....	.04-
36	2,354.68	1.83	23.88	955.16	124	4,040	.18-	3,167	30,739.28	14,811.52	15,927.76	.....	.09-
37	951.19	2.47	.....	319.19	91	2,336	.25	1,311	17,043.00	7,996.67	9,046.33	942.90	.12-
38	1,516.75	1.62	213.48	130.42	253	5,872	.10+	2,809	14,606.80	8,813.13	5,793.67	.....	.06+
	10,985.65	1.10	458.11	3,589.82	967	40,090	..	23,667	141,272.56	71,343.77	69,928.79	942.90	.06-

faithfulness in contrast to the lack of it in some of our older members, that mention of it was made in Sabbath school and the child was given a Scripture card color set as a token of appreciation for her love for Jesus. May we all be as constant.

OUT OF EGYPT INTO CANAAN

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A meeting was announced for eight o'clock the next morning, and again the little canoes found their way to the humble little building where all enjoyed a fine day and one long to be remembered by those dear people. Another marriage ceremony was performed and all seemed happy. It would surprise you to see how well instructed the peo-

ple are in this message. The children from five to ten years old gathered to show me how they had studied their Bible. They repeated from memory fifteen texts on the inspiration of the Bible, also twenty texts on conversion and baptism, with their Bible references. Then they repeated the ten commandments. Surely this message affects even the hearts of the little children.

After being in meeting for about two hours and a half we went to the river-side where ten dear souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. It was a very impressive meeting and we believe there are others who will soon follow the example of these candidates. After dinner we gathered again and gave a study on "God's Church on Earth." Following this a little church was or-

ganized of twelve members. Surely the harvest is ripe for this last message now due to the world.

This experience reminded me of the scene Sister White saw of the great Reformatory Movement in Volume 9, page 126. "Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families and opening before them the Word of God. Hearts were converted by the power of the Holy Spirit and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifested."

May the Lord help every member to realize that there is earnest work to be done by all who accept this message, and the time is drawing near when it will be too late to work for God. May the Lord help us in the Central American Union to improve the time while probation lingers.

CHURCH MISSIONARY TEN-MINUTE SERVICES

July 4

Missionary Topic: Our Pioneer Evangelist—*El Centinela*.

Text: Eccl. 11:1, 2.

Suggestions: "Man shall not live by bread alone," but by the word of truth. And we of the remnant church are custodians of the message of God for these last days.

The words of the Apostle Paul, "I am a debtor," should ring in the ears of every Seventh-day Adventist. We are living in the ninety-second year of the judgment hour, and surely we have but a very short span of time in which to finish our world-wide task. And our message is the very bread of life for a starving world.

El Centinela is an economical helper in your missionary work. The cost per subscription is small and the standard of ministry is very high. Our very best writers and evangelists speak to your neighbors and relatives and friends through the columns of *El Centinela* and month by month they bring to those for whom you pray a message of life and death; life if they accept it with joy, but leaving them without excuse if they refuse to obey. Sacrifice, if need be, that a club of two or more *El Centinelas* month by month may work for you during 1936. They will be mailed direct to addresses you furnish, or you may deliver them in person from door to door. But make 1936 your best year in soul-winning service by subscribing for two or more of our "pioneer evangelist"—*El Centinela*.

July 11

Missionary Topic: Welfare and Dorcas Society Work.

Text: Isa. 58:11.

Suggestions: Our text may be considered as a check on the bank of Heaven, placed in the hands of each Welfare and Dorcas worker for his own personal needs. And what a rich deposit to draw on: (1) the continual guidance of the Divine hand in all our affairs, (2) the supplying of a feast for the soul in the midst of great spiritual droughts, (3) food which satisfies and nourishes the body, and (4) health, courage, and cheer filling the individual life and so abundant that it overflows and refreshes parched and barren lives which are all about us.

What greater inducement could be offered for any proposition than this positive assurance of our never-failing Father in Heaven.

To missionary leaders, the inquiry comes—Is our church, as one unit in the remnant church to which this Scripture especially applies, drawing out, or in other words, seeking out after the destitute, hungry and needy in city, district, or the immediate neighborhood? And what are we really doing to "satisfy the afflicted soul"? To just the degree that we conform to the divine specifications will be the fulfilment of the promise.

July 18

Missionary Topic: Fruitful Missionary Experience.

Text: Luke 14: 23, 24.

Suggestions: There is a vital influence in personal testimony, both to the faithful witness and to those that hear. "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness: and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Rom. 10:10. And our confession of faith has to do with what God is doing through us as well as what He is doing for us. The brighter our Christian experience, the more fruitful will be our service.

Let us be more ready to invite others to our meetings, and a place in the coming kingdom. "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 of the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17.

July 25

Missionary Topic: Ammunition for "King's Pocket League."

Text: Rom. 3:27.

Suggestions: A southern business man has in his office desk a row of pigeon-holes which he keeps filled with TRACTS. With every letter he sends out he encloses a tract bearing a message which he thinks will mean most to the person to whom he is writing.

What better suggestion could we make this morning than to urge all our people to join the "King's Pocket League" today and resolve that God helping them, they will not let a day pass without placing at least one tract in the hands of someone with whom they come in contact. May the Lord help us to realize our responsibility to others and to be found watching when He comes.

TAKE YOUR PLACE

Somewhere the world has a place for you

That is all your own;

Somewhere is work that your hand can do,

And yours alone.

Whether afar over land and sea

Or close at your door may the duty be,

It calls for your service full and free—

Take your place!

Somewhere the world has bitter tears

Your smile might dry;

Somewhere the burden of doubts and fears,

The hopeless sigh.

There are steps that falter, weary, weak,

For the strong, brave arm they vainly seek;

Will you pass them by on the journey bleak?

Take your place!

Somewhere the world has a desert spot

Your toil might till;

Somewhere a life whose loveless lot

Your love might fill,

If the place that waits be high or low,

Question not, cry not, onward go!

The world's great battle needs every blow—

Take your place!

—Selected.

INSTITUTES IN THE GULF MISSION

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Mission. Here we found the same condition,—no church building. However we had a very interesting and profitable institute at this place. The Sabbath services were held a few miles outside of the city among the rocks in a narrow ravine. As I spoke to the people who were seated wherever they could find a convenient projecting rock, it reminded me of the experiences of the Waldenses.

From Chihuahua to San Luis Potosí was the longest trip we had in this mission. The entire distance could not be made in one day so we spent the night at Aguascalientes, and reached San Luis Potosí on January 17. Besides the instruction that was given in these six institutes, seventy-one were added to the various baptismal classes. We are praying that the Holy Spirit may water the seed that has been sown, and that

it may result in an abundant harvest.

As I was obliged to return to Mexico City from San Luis Potosí, Brethren Moon and House continued the itinerary, which concluded in Tampico. They will probably report concerning these institutes.

The prospects are bright for the work to grow in the Gulf Mission where there is so much territory to work.

OBITUARIES

Neely.—Sister Francis Neely, wife of Isaac Neely, was born in Jamaica in September, 1865, and died in Panama, March 29, 1936. Sister Neely was baptized in June, 1913, and was a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist church until the time of her death. Her husband, three children and six grandchildren mourn the loss of this dear one; and among her many friends in the church she will also be greatly missed. We hope to meet Sister Neely in the happy reunion day soon to dawn.

Walter.—On January 28, 1936, Sister Abigail Walter of East End, Georgetown, Grand Cayman, closed her eyes for the last rest before the Master returns to call her home. Her illness was a long one. At the time of her death, Sister Walter was the church missionary secretary. She leaves her husband, a son and daughter, all active Seventh-day Adventists; and a host of other relatives to mourn their loss.

Mrs. L. S. CRAWFORD.

Ross.—February 1, 1936 Sister Rose Ross, seventy years of age, went to her rest. About thirty years ago she was baptized in Spanish Honduras by Pastor E. L. Cardy and was a faithful member during these years. Her husband preceded her in death twenty-three years ago. Every one who knew Sister Ross speaks of her Christian life and example. Six step-children, two brothers, two sisters, and many nieces and nephews feel keenly their loss.

Mrs. L. S. CRAWFORD.

Blandon.—Francisco Blandon was born at San Isadora, Nicaragua, and died at Port Limon, Costa Rica, March 21, 1936, aged 59 years. Brother Blandon was baptized May 12, 1934, by Pastor W. E. Baxter and united with the Port Limon church. He was a faithful brother and an ardent believer in the third angel's message, and until his death was superintendent of the Spanish Sabbath school. After an illness of only eight days he fell asleep, leaving his wife and children to mourn. He was laid away until the Life-giver comes.

JOHN E. ROGERS.

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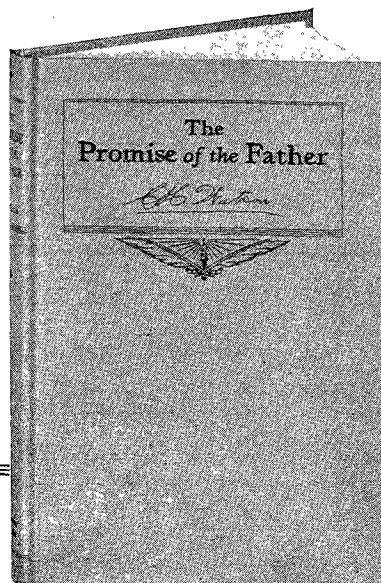
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COMING AND GOING

Ships plying the waters to and from Balboa and Cristobal recently have carried on board many an Adventist, either changing his field of labor, en route to the General Conference or on furlough. Most of these visited the division compound, where the ever-dwindling force of officers were glad to greet them.

F. L. Harrison, secretary-treasurer of the Inter-American Division, and Mrs. Harrison sailed on the S. S. "Ancon" from Cristobal to New York. They have visited their daughters Marjorie and Thelma at Shenandoah Valley Academy, New Market, Virginia, where they were present at Marjorie's graduation. Then they left for the General Conference, after which they will remain in the States several months on furlough.

Pastor and Mrs. E. E. Andross embarked from Balboa on the S. S. "Pennsylvania" on April 24 en route to the General Conference. This is their furlough year, so it will be a few months before they will return to the Canal Zone. We trust they will receive much physical benefit from their rest.

Also in April 24, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Thorpe and young son sailed for California, where they will witness the graduation of their oldest son, Ferris, from Pacific Union College. Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe have been living in La Concepción, Panama for some time and Ferris acted for a while as preceptor at our Costa Rica school at Tres Rios.

En route from Santo Domingo, where they have been stationed for about sixteen years, to Salvador, their new field of labor, Pastor and Mrs. Peter Nygaard and David arrived in Balboa, April 20, and left again April 23.

Pastor and Mrs. L. H. Olson, recently of Salvador, and now moving to the Pacific Colombia Mission, stopped over from April 28 to May 3, accompanied by Wilbur and Eloise.

Eugenio Plata, field missionary secretary of the Pacific Colombia field, was appointed delegate to the General Conference, and sailed with Mrs. Plata and their two small children, on the S. S. "Virginia" on May 5, havng arrived previously on May 2. Mrs. Plata will remain in Washington on furlough for a few months.

Another delegate to the General Conference was Pastor Alfredo Aeschlimann of Santiago, Chile, and while changing boats in Balboa he was a visitor on the compound. On May 7 he and Pastor

COMPARATIVE REPORT OF MISSION FUNDS

First two months of 1935 and 1936

Name of field	1935	1936
Bahamas Mission	251.91	98.56
Cayman Isls. Mission	.....	15.38
Cuba Conference	373.50	509.63
Haiti Mission	318.41	295.79
Jamaica Conference	692.90	764.18
Puerto Rico Mission	215.44	357.76
Santo Domingo Miss.	245.15	569.49
Antillian Union	2,097.31	2,610.79
French West I. Miss.	56.42	77.25
Guiana Conference	201.01	243.93
Leeward Isls. Conf.	239.31	274.68
South Caribbean Conf.	479.08	502.48
Caribbean Union	975.82	1,098.34
British Honduras Miss.	562.27	68.29
Costa Rica Mission	113.20	132.74
Guatemala Mission	100.97	63.82
Honduras Mission	100.66	.....
Nicaragua Mission	.....	59.69
Panama Conference	623.54	586.41
Salvador Mission	38.37	48.99
Central Amer. Union	1,539.01	959.94
Atlantic Colombia Miss.	60.38	.....
Central Colombia Miss.	114.57	.....
Curacao Mission	36.55	.....
Pacific Colombia Miss.	72.49	.....
Upper Magdalena Miss.	67.33	.....
Venezuela Mission	118.31	.....
Colombia-Ven. Union	469.63	.....
Central México Miss.	124.60	90.52
Gulf Mission	80.49	90.14
Lake Mission	34.36	47.06
Tehuantepec Mission	309.40	386.69
Mexican Union	548.85	614.41
Division Totals	5,630.62	5,283.48

C. P. Crager, who had come down from San José, Costa Rica, where he is superintendent of the Central American Union, sailed on the S. S. "Glaucus" for Los Angeles. Pastor Crager is also a delegate to the General Conference.

Miss Freda Trefz, lady head nurse and matron of the River Plate Sanitarium, Argentina found friends here in Inter-America as she stopped over, from May 3 to 7, en route to the States for her furlough. She will also attend the General Conference, and the Nurses' Council preceding.

The superintendent of the Ecuador Mission and his wife, Pastor and Mrs. Francisco Brouchy, were welcome guests while waiting for a boat to take them to the General Conference, to which Pastor Brouchy is a delegate. Accompanying them was Roberto Moffatt, an Ecuadoran Indian, who is to represent his people at this world-wide convention. They sailed on May 7 on the S. S. "Seloy."

On May 9 Pastor and Mrs. W. A. Bergherm and Helen bade the tropics good-bye for a few weeks and sailed

on the S. S. "Tai Ping" for the General Conference. Mrs. Bergherm and Helen will remain in the States for a short vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Edeburn sailed from Cristobal on May 4 for their furlough, taking in the General Conference. Mr. Edeburn is secretary-treasurer of the Panama Conference.

On May 5, we were glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Smith to the Canal Zone. They have come from Mountain View, California to take temporary charge of the Pacific Press branch during the furlough of the manager. Mr. Smith has spent ten years as manager of the publishing house in Singapore, Straits Settlements. We hope they will enjoy their few months stay with us.

ALWAYS MORE, NEVER LESS

By Esther L. Pierce

The comparison of the first two months of 1936 with 1935 does not show a gain as we wish it did, but even so there are some encouraging features about this report.

Fifteen of the local fields show a gain over the same period of last year and three of the unions also show a gain. As we look at these figures, we see not the division nor the unions and not even the local missions and conferences, but the churches that comprise these missions and conferences and the individuals who make up the membership of the churches. It is to you, and you, and you, who have foregone pleasures or sacrificed the necessities to make possible your offerings from week to week that the credit belongs for these gains.

Had there been no losses to offset these splendid gains the division would have shown a gain of \$925.39 instead of the loss of \$347.14 that is now recorded. Let us all do our best to make this loss over into a gain in each succeeding month.

PASTOR ANDROSS' ACCIDENT

Airmail from Mrs. E. E. Andross says, "This morning (May 6) we were coming over from . . . La Sierra for our medical check-up. . . . Mr. Andross noticed that the car door was not well closed and tried to close it, but the wind pulled it back (and his arm with it) with such violence that his arm was broken halfway between the shoulder and elbow. It is his right arm, and the break is a jagged one." We know your prayers are with our president as he convalesces from this accident.