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## Faith and Courage

By E. G. White

The Lord directed Moses to recount to the children of Israel His dealings with them in their deliverance from Egypt and their wonderful preservation in the wilderness. He was to call to mind their unbelief and murmuring when brought into trial, and the Lord's great mercy and loving-kindness, which had never forsaken them. This would stimulate their faith and strengthen their courage. While they would be led to realize their own sin and weakness, they would realize also that God was their righteousness and strength.

It is just as essential that the people of God in this day should bear in mind how and when they have been tested, and where their faith has failed; where they have imperiled His cause by their unbelief, and also by their self-confidence. God's mercy, His sustaining providence, His never-to-be-forgotten deliverances, are to be recounted, step by step. As God's people thus review the past, they should see that the Lord is ever repeating His dealings. They should understand the warnings given, and should beware not to repeat their mistakes. Renouncing all self-dependence, they are to trust in Him to save them from again dishonoring His name. In every victory that Satan gains, souls are imperiled. Some become the subjects of his temptations, never to recover themselves. Then let those who have made mistakes walk carefully, at every step praying, "Hold up my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps slip not." Ps. 17:5.

God sends trials to prove who will stand faithful under temptation. He brings all into trying positions, to see if they will trust in a power out of and above themselves. Every one has undiscovered traits of character that must come to light through trial. God allows those who are self-sufficient to be sorely

tempted, that they may understand their helplessness.

When trials come to us; when we can see before us, not an increase of prosperity, but a pressure necessitating sacrifice on the part of all, how shall we receive Satan's insinuation that we are to have a very hard time? If we listen to his suggestions, unbelief in God will spring up. At such a time we should remember that God has always had a care for His institutions. We should look at the work He has done, the reforms He has wrought. We should gather up the evidences of Heaven's blessings, the tokens for good, saying: "Lord, we believe in Thee, in Thy servants, and in Thy work. We will trust in Thee. . . . We will keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment. We will act our part by being true to the work of God."

We do not understand as we should the great conflict going on between invisible agencies, the controversy be-

tween loyal and disloyal angels. Over every man, good and evil angels strive. This is no make-believe conflict. It is not mimic battles in which we are engaged. We have to meet most powerful adversaries, and it rests with us to determine which shall win. We are to find our strength where the early disciples found theirs. "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication." Acts 1:14; 2:2, 4.

There is no excuse for defection or despondency, because all the promises of heavenly grace are for those who hunger and thirst after righteousness. The intensity of desire represented by hungering and thirsting is a pledge that the coveted supply will be given.

Just as soon as we realize our inability to do God's work, and submit to be guided by His wisdom, the Lord can work with us. If we will empty the soul of self, He will supply all our necessities.

Place your mind and will where the Holy Spirit can reach them; for He will not work through another man's mind and conscience to reach yours. With earnest prayer for wisdom, make the word of God your study. Take counsel of sanctified reason, surrendered wholly to God.

Look unto Jesus in simplicity and faith. Gaze upon Jesus until the spirit faints under the excess of light. We do not half pray. We do not half believe. "Ask, and it shall be given you." Luke 11:9. Pray, believe, strengthen one another. Pray as you never before prayed that the Lord will lay His hand upon you, that you may be able to comprehend the length, and breadth and depth and height, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.—"Testimonies," Vol. VII. pp. 210-214.

### WHO OF US KNOW?

Who of us think  
Of how hot tears have traced the smiling cheek  
Of some we meet who would not dare to speak  
The pangs they feel, the burdens that they bear,  
Each hour that passes through the solemn year—  
Who of us think?

Who of us know  
The heartaches of the men we meet  
Each day in passing on the busy street,  
The woes and cares that press them,  
Forebodings that distress them—  
Who of us know?

Who of us care  
To try to think and know their pain and grief,  
And help to bring the breaking hearts relief,  
To help to bear the burdens of their care—  
By tender word and loving look and prayer—  
Who of us care?

—S. C. Allen.

### THE SCHOOL OF PROPHECY

What could be a more fitting term for the course of studies now being given in our churches from the "Great Controversy" chapters than **THE SCHOOL OF PROPHECY**? And really we could term this effort of passing these chapters on to specified homes of neighbors and friends as a "School of Prophecy" for them. We have most excellent reports from fields where these chapters are being studied each second Sabbath by the entire congregation in our churches at the eleven o'clock hour. The writer would not think of taking the eleven o'clock service for preaching purposes in any church on a Sabbath that has been set aside for a public study of one of these "Great Controversy" chapters. We feel thus because we do not believe that any worker can supply to a church spiritual food equal to that which will come to the congregation from a study of one of these divinely-inspired chapters.

We trust that all churches in the Inter-American Division will hold these studies at the eleven o'clock Sabbath morning hour, and will not attempt to hold them at some other time during the week when much smaller congregations will be present. During the months that these studies are available to our churches, nothing better can be presented in our meetings on Sabbaths; and visiting workers will doubtless be glad to join in conducting the study on the Sabbaths for which the studies have been assigned. Comments and remarks by a worker will of course greatly add to the interest and value of the meeting.

Our church elders and leaders are also meeting with remarkable success in the presentation of these studies, because angels from heaven are present to impress upon the minds of the congregation these vital truths. Satan would be glad to relegate these studies to some unimportant time or to discard them entirely. Let us be on our guard; let us fill our souls with these wonderful truths while we have opportunity.

**THE SCHOOL OF PROPHECY** in the Inter-American Division will leave its favorable impress upon every portion of this great field. From the time of the giving of these studies in the churches of this division, we shall see jets of light springing up all over the various fields where these chapters, under the influence of the angels, have done their soul-searching, soul-winning work. Let every church carry out the

original plan as to these studies, both in the church and with the neighbors and friends, and great blessings from heaven may be expected and will be realized.

G. A. ROBERTS.

### EVIDENCES OF INSPIRATION

The Lord Jesus, the Prince of the universe, informs men and angels as to just how He came into possession of all these treasures of knowledge which He reveals. His opening words of the book of Revelation clearly state it:

"The revelation of Jesus Christ, WHICH GOD GAVE UNTO HIM, to show unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass; and He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John: who bare record of the word of God, and of the TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST, and of all things that he saw."

Having had the privilege of knowing Ellen G. White for more than a quarter of a century, and also being called to travel with her and her family in this country and Australasia, it is a pleasure for me to respond to the invitation to relate to those newly embracing the faith, some personal experiences and observations of her life and work.

My first acquaintance with her was at a camp meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1882. Here she exhorted us all to use our influence by "voice and pen and vote," to forward the movement for prohibition. She related a dream, which she had six months previous, in which an angel had instructed her along those lines. I was pleased to witness how effectually her testimony unified the sentiment of the conference and led to a unanimous vote favoring such action. The influence of that counsel continues to guide our people in all lands.

My next experience was at a camp meeting in Nebraska, the same year. There she presented the life experience of a young minister, whom she had never seen before. He later testified, at a General Conference session, to the absolute truthfulness of the message she gave him, and said it had led him into an entire change of life, which we were all able to see.

In 1891, at Petoskey, Michigan, where we were all residing at the time, Sister White handed me a roll of manuscript to read, stating that it had been compiled from her various writings with the view of producing a small booklet on practical religious experience. It had not then been named. It certainly

was a great privilege to read in this manuscript, what a little later was named "Steps to Christ" and which has since been translated into more than fifty languages. The various presses have printed hundreds of thousands of copies, which have gone forth on their blessed ministry of pointing souls to Christ, step by step leading the readers into a definite religious experience. Its influence leads to the word of God and to faith in Jesus Christ as the only Saviour. It also cheers and steadies the faith of Christians. Many will testify of personal help received from its pages. It also leads to the reading of other volumes written by the same writer. Once one has tasted of the fine flavor of the writings and recognized the voice of Jesus speaking in them, he must continue to read until all are devoured.

At a General Conference at Battle Creek, Michigan, in 1883, the entire delegation had the experience of witnessing her prophetic gift. She was speaking at the closing Sunday night's service, which was unusual, as she seldom spoke evenings. Stopping in the midst of her address, she pointed up to the gallery, straight at the clock, behind which three of us delegates from Nebraska were seated, and in clear distinct voice, easily heard by the more than three thousand persons present, she said: "Elder Cudney, open your heart and take Elder Johnson in; he wants a place in your heart. Do not leave this tabernacle tonight until you are reconciled to each other. Elder Cudney, open your heart and take Elder Johnson in." This she repeated several times.

As I was seated between these two brethren, I endeavored to move out, but was prevented for a time by Elder Cudney. Succeeding, however, the way was opened for them to get nearer together. For a time Elder Cudney hesitated. He had misinterpreted Elder Johnson's advances toward him, and thought he was aspiring to the office of conference president. But the Spirit of God gained the victory, and Elder Cudney threw his arms about Elder Johnson. As they thus embraced as brethren, the influence affected the entire delegation, and many wept. This unusual scene at a General Conference seemed a fitting influence for these delegates to carry to their people in all parts of the world.

Elder Cudney wrote Sister White from Nebraska a short time afterwards,

stating that they had followed her counsel, and before leaving the tabernacle that night, had retired to a smaller room, and with Elders George I. Butler and S. N. Haskell and the writer, had come to a perfect understanding, and that they were then laboring together among the churches, to their comfort and edification. G. B. STARR.

### HEALTHFUL LIVING

#### Blessings from Obeying Natural Law

61. Those who understand something of the wisdom and beneficence of His laws, and perceive the evidences of God's love and the blessings that result from obedience, will come to regard their duties and obligations from an altogether different point of view. Instead of looking upon the observance of the laws of health as a matter of sacrifice and self-denial, they will regard it, as it really is, an inestimable blessing.

62. All our enjoyment or suffering may be traced to obedience or transgression of natural law.

63. God, the Creator of our bodies, has arranged every fiber and nerve and sinew and muscle, and has pledged Himself to keep the machinery in order if the human agent will cooperate with Him and refuse to work contrary to the laws which govern the human system.

64. A careful conformity to the laws which God has implanted in our being will insure health, and there will not be a breaking down of the constitution.

65. God has pledged Himself to keep this machinery in healthful action if the human agent will obey His laws, and cooperate with Him.

66. Every "Thou shalt not," whether in physical or moral law, contains or implies a promise. If it is obeyed, blessings will attend our steps.

67. He requires us to obey natural law, to preserve physical health.

68. If Christians will keep the body in subjection, and bring all their appetites and passions under the control of enlightened conscience, feeling it a duty that they owe to God and to their neighbors to obey the laws which govern health and life, they will have the blessing of physical and mental vigor. They will have moral power to engage in the warfare against Satan; and in the name of Him who conquered appetite in their behalf, they may be more than conquerors in their own account.

69. If laborers who are now in the field had intelligently used their physical

and mental powers according to the laws of hygiene, they would not only have been able to become proficient in common branches of education, but would have been versed in different languages, and thus would have been qualified to become missionaries in foreign countries.

70. The souls and bodies of people have been fast becoming a corrupted mass of disease. This would not have been the case if those who claimed to believe the truth had lived out its sacred principles in their lives.

71. If man had obeyed the laws of Jehovah in His natural laws, the image of God would have been revealed in him. —"Healthful Living," pp. 22, 23.

### A PRESIDENT, AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

A faithful conference president in the United States encourages his church members into action on behalf of foreign missions. Let us in the Inter-American Division be encouraged also by his encouragement. The following is written by H. E. Lysinger, president of the Carolina Conference:

"And why call ye me, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Luke 6:46. 'Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.' James 1:22.

"Lip service only can never satisfy God. Even to many of us, as members of the remnant church, the above question in Luke 6:46 may become a very embarrassing question. Fellow church members, after all what does our profession amount to if it does not lead to an actual doing of the things that He has told us to do?"

"When Jesus was so passionately convinced that what He was, was true and right and important, when rather than repudiate it he consented to die on the cross, we can realize that He can never derive satisfaction from the mere knowledge that we, His professing disciples, are calling Him Lord, Lord, but refusing to do the things that He said.

"Every one of us should examine himself to see whether we are in danger of being found in this class. And the danger is a real one, for we have been told that 'Not one-hundredth part has been done or is being done by the members of the church that God requires of them. They will in that great day be self-convicted and self-condemned for their slothfulness.'—'Appeal,' p. 11.

"We say we believe the Lord is com-

ing soon. But when a belief is not allowed to vindicate itself in action, it ceases after a while to possess any vitality. It becomes merely an affair of the lips, not an affair of the heart.

"If ever God wanted action, it is now. Note the following statement from the Spirit of prophecy: 'The great day of the Lord is near; and hasteth greatly. Jesus says, "Lo, I come quickly." We should keep these words ever in mind and ACT as though we do indeed believe that the coming of the Lord is nigh. . . . The vital energies of the church of God must be brought into active exercise for the great object of self-renovation; every member must be an active agent for God.'

"In our present Ingathering campaign for missions, when every member is to be responsible for an individual goal, let us realize the truthfulness of the following statement from 'Christ's Object Lessons,' page 272:

"The test of sincerity is not in words, but in deeds. Christ does not say to any man, 'What say ye more than others?' but, 'What do ye more than others?' Full of meaning are His words, 'If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.' Words are of no value unless they are accompanied with appropriate deeds.'

"Our desire and our prayer is that no member shall fail to have an active part in the raising of our goal for the benighted souls in darkened lands."

Let us all engage in this good work.

G. A. ROBERTS.

### COLPORTEUR WORK IN COLOMBIA—VENEZUELA

From M. E. Lowry, field missionary secretary of the Colombia-Venezuela Union, has come a most interesting report, prepared by him for presentation at their annual union committee meeting held in August. The report covers the quadrennial period ending December 31, 1936. We quote the following interesting items from his report:

"During the past four years the colporteurs in this union worked 56,018 hours, taking orders for \$86,684.08 worth of books and magazines. Of these orders they delivered to the value of \$45,455.34, or 51,998.50 pesos.

"We thank God for the splendid gains the past two years that our faithful colporteurs have made. It is interesting and encouraging to note that the deliveries of 1936 are almost equal to the largest year's record,—1930. But while



Colporteurs of the Atlantic Colombia Mission.

thinking of these splendid gains, I wish we might think for a few moments of the trials and hardships that our colporteurs have experienced out in the field, far removed at times from others of like precious faith, battling with temptations of the enemy, the priests and angry mob. They have been stoned; they have had to flee for their lives, but I have not heard one of them say they desired to leave their work on the battle front. They tell most thrilling experiences of God's protection and guidance in their work, and they go with ever-increasing success. In one place where a short time ago Brother Luis Urbina was driven from the town, his son Enrique took nineteen orders, and delivered them all. In another place Brother Avendaño was openly attacked on the street by the priest and had to defend his faith before a large crowd, among whom were many of his customers, but on the day of delivery he met with exceptional success, delivering every book. This good brother had his leg broken, but in spite of this handicap and loss of time, worked more than 1,800 hours during the year.

"There is no defeat for our colporteurs, for the Saviour walks by their side all the way. Brother Castro tells us of a place in the most northern point of the country where the evil spirits have driven from a certain room of a little hotel every person that the manager put in there, except himself and one other colporteur who sold our books there a short time before. Now as a result of the work of these two boys there is a Sabbath school, many inter-

ested in the message, and a number keeping the Sabbath. Wherever our colporteurs go they leave interests like little jets of light that will no doubt soon illuminate this great field to the point where the Saviour can say of the work here, 'It is finished.'

"In Venezuela we have a sister that is traveling by mule-back from house to house over trails where men tremble at the thought of going alone. She is carrying messages of salvation to a lost, dying race. Brother Serapio tells how he and his colporteur companion left a thriving interest in a place where they worked last year; and so we might go on indefinitely with similar experiences.

"In several fields colporteur debts

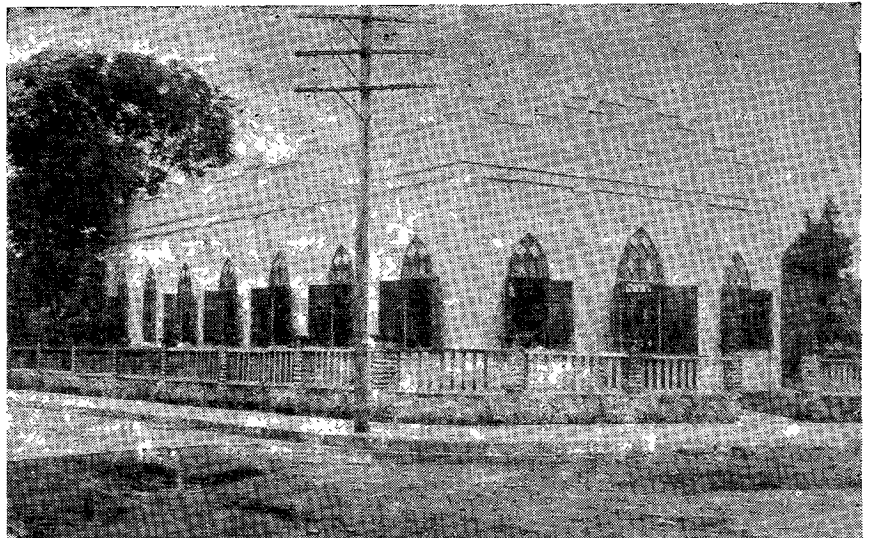
are a thing of the past and the other fields are working rapidly to this same end, which I am sure is not far distant, thanks to the Lord's blessing on the 'Cash Policy.'

"The outlook is bright. We now have twenty-seven colporteurs in the field and others will be starting as soon as the field man can give them help. At the end of the first five months we show a gain of 1,000 pesos over the same period of 1936. With new colporteurs entering the work and the institutes for this year nearly all in the past, there are fine hopes of more than doubling this gain in the last half of the year and breaking all previous records in the history of this union."

W. A. BERGHERM.

### PAPERS IN CHURCH PULPITS

The writer has formed the habit on going into a church—and it has been his pleasure during the years to visit many churches—to look in behind the minister's pulpit and if it is closed in by door or curtain, to open it and make some observations as to its tidiness, and to find out whether or not the pulpit was used as a sort of clearing house for periodicals, books, tracts, etc. Really sometimes it is quite astonishing to find the large number of periodicals,—Harvest Ingathering papers for instance—that have accumulated year after year until there is a great stock of them. Some pulpits are just packed full to overflowing with the message-filled literature that should have been passed out while it was yet new and fresh rather than to have accumulated as it does.



Church building recently constructed in Santa Ana, Salvador.

It would be interesting if by some mysterious method all of these old and unused periodicals could be instantaneously snatched out and brought together into one huge heap. It might be astonishing to find how large a pile and how many tons of this literature has accumulated through the years until some of it has become loaded with the scent of mildew and other evidences of advancing age.

Moral: The moral of this subject is neither in our homes nor in church pulpits should we allow the precious truth in our papers to accumulate unused and undistributed. Every piece of Seventh-day Adventist literature of whatever paper it may be, awakens in some inquiring mind a desire to learn more of the message represented by the particular publication. Why not let every Seventh-day Adventist member and every church missionary organization see to it that all of our literature, not preserved in regular files, be put into early circulation after it has served its purpose by the recipient. Really it seems a pity that so much accumulated literature should find a lodging place in church pulpits, closed places in the homes of our people, or in some dark attic where no one is benefited by its existence.

Why not keep our literature on the stir like the leaves of autumn, being wafted on its way by the balmy breezes, always with an earnest prayer that God will bless the printed page, whether it be handed out personally, or dropped on the sidewalk or in some conspicuous place where the curiosity of passers-by may lead them to search more deeply

for the precious truth. There is no tract, magazine, or other paper issued from our publishing houses any place in the world that is not suitable for distribution. Our good church paper, the *Review*, is one of the most effective missionary publications that we could hand out to friends or neighbors. Let not a piece of our literature be destroyed or accumulated in places where its sacred light cannot shine forth to some darkened soul.

A. R. OGDEN.

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**ANOTHER TEMPLE ERECTED**

Many years ago, when Elder Parmelee was in charge, a splendid lot was purchased in the city of Santa Ana, the second city in the republic of Salvador. A little wooden church was erected on the lot which served for many years as a place of worship. But the work of the white ants had brought the building to where it was a reproach to the cause.

Funds were accumulated and it was our hope to erect a church during 1936. However, for various hindering causes it was not begun until the first of this year, and it fell to the lot of the new superintendent of the Salvador Mission, Elder Peter Nygaard, to construct the building. Brother Nygaard is experienced in this work and directed the construction. He not only directed, but we are told by his fellow workers that no one was able to take the pace in hard labor set by our good superintendent.

The building, a brick and cement structure with reinforced concrete supporting pillars, is a credit to the cause. It will seat 300 persons besides a large church school room at the rear of the building.

It was the happy privilege of the writer in the month of August to assist in the dedication of this temple erected to the glory of God. While the attendance was not large, yet the Lord was present with us as we gave over to His service the building which He in His mercy had permitted to be erected. It is the purpose of Brother Nygaard to join with the local worker, Brother Victor Printemps, in holding an evangelistic effort in the new building in the near future. Let us pray that many "living stones" may be added to the church in Santa Ana. C. P. CRAGER.

**NOTES FROM SALVADOR**

**Conventions**

It was our privilege July 21 to 27 to receive visits from Elder R. R. Breitigam and Elder N. W. Dunn, during which time a profitable convention was held at San Salvador in the interest of missionary activities for both young and old. Representatives were present from most of the churches in the mission, who without doubt were greatly benefited by the instruction. We are very thankful to the Division and to the Central American Union for the help received from the various brethren. We feel certain that these visits will result in much good for the work.

After the convention in San Salvador Elder Dunn gave us good help in Santa Ana, Sonzonate and Armenia.

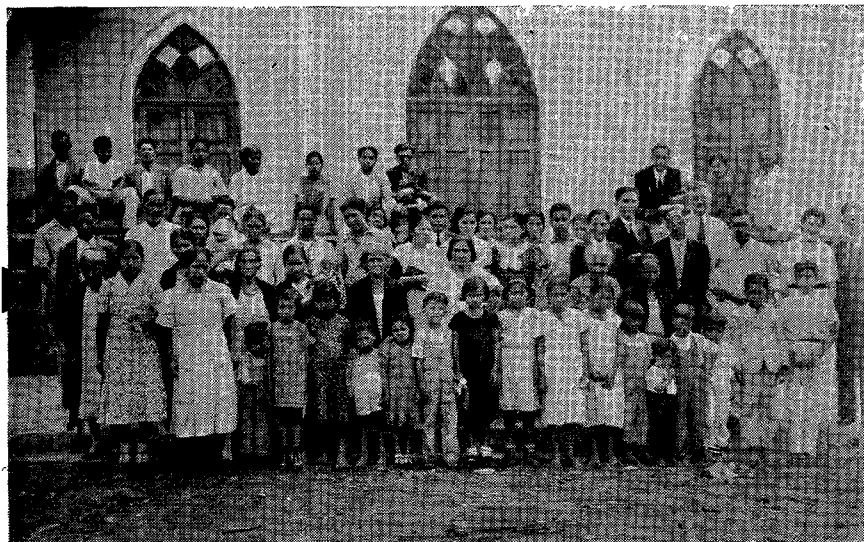
**A Testimony**

Recently after a baptismal service one of those just baptized gave his testimony and said in part, "I have been a wicked man for many years. I have smoked, drunk, and shed blood. God has forgiven me all this and I am now a new person. Praise to His name."

**Another Church Building**

For several years Santa Ana has been looking forward to the erection of an adequate church and school building. At last it stands as a fit monument to the Adventist cause, and it brings joy to the Santa Ana church and to the entire mission.

We thank the Lord who in His own way has made this building possible. We also remember with thankful hearts



Members of the Santa Ana church in Salvador.



the Division for the help rendered, and the Central American Union for helping to finish it for its intended purposes. The former administration did a good work in behalf of this building in accumulating funds, without which it would have been impossible to erect the building.

Elder C. P. Crager visited Salvador August 15 to 24 and on Sabbath the building was solemnly dedicated to be used according to God's purpose in proclaiming the everlasting gospel. It was a great joy and satisfaction to attend the dedicatory service. Now the members are hard at work to fill the commodious building with earnest worshippers. May God prosper their efforts.

PETER NYGAARD.

**CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION**

It has been my privilege in recent months to visit each of the seven fields in Central America. Our situation at this time is indeed unique. Because of territorial lines it has seemed necessary to make each republic a little organized mission by itself with its own superintendent and office. However at present all but two of our fields are without a superintendent, due to furloughs and changes in leadership. Brother G. C. Nickle in Panama and Brother Peter Nygaard in Salvador, are the two who are on the job. This situation has made 1937 a difficult year for this union and yet by the grace of God in each field we hope to reach our goals in baptisms, and in all but one field, especially hit financially, we are making a substantial gain in tithes and mission offerings.

The situation has also made more difficult and perplexing our Ingathering campaign, for in some cases we have had to visit the business firms accustomed to the face of our local leader, and as strangers present the needs. Here again the Lord has shown His goodness to us and given success. Guatemala at the last writing was within \$21 of its goal, and by now is no doubt considerably over, with the prospect of reaching the highest amount in its history.

It was the privilege of the writer to join Brother F. W. Steeves in launching the campaign this year. Brother Orley Ford, our war horse of Guatemala was on furlough, and Brother Adolf Fanselau, well known to the business firms, on whose help we had especially counted, has been called to rest, and so as total strangers we approached the task

with misgivings. But the work is of God and not of man, and in the first three days He gave us \$400 in offerings. Brother Steeves, with the help of the local worker, Brother David García, and our faithful Sister Fanselau, have continued working the territory thoroughly and victory has been theirs.

Each of the fields are now hard at work and we have every reason to believe that notwithstanding circumstances the Ingathering goal will be reached.

**Our Book Work**

In this department we not only have a unique but a tragic situation. At present we have in these seven fields only two local colporteur leaders with definite projects of this being reduced to one in a short time. A man of less fortitude than our General, F. W. Steeves, of the union, I fear would have become completely discouraged.

It was a source of real satisfaction and motive for gratitude to God, to be able to lead in book sales in the Division in 1936. We started 1937 with full courage to hold that place and surpass the record of 1936. Our first misfortune was the illness of Brother R. R. Mattison of the Panama Conference, leaving that field since March without a colporteur director and up to the present without prospects of finding a successor for Brother Mattison. Then came the very sad death of Brother Fanselau in Guatemala. Guatemala had tied with Honduras in 1936 in selling the most of any field in the union. Brother Fanselau had so organized his work that 1937 started out far better than 1936, and there was every evidence of a large gain in sales this year. But He "who doeth all things well" permitted this valiant soldier to go to his rest. In Brother Fanselau, Central America lost, without doubt, one of the strongest bookmen ever in its ranks. An indefatigable worker, a strong organizer, and one who spent his time not at his desk but in the hard places in the field with his men.

Our work in Salvador was beginning to rebuild with every prospect of a strong work under the leadership of Vicente Moreno, a young man graduated last year from our union training school. But we are to lose him also, he having accepted a call back to his native land, Colombia.

By the help of the Lord, Central America has been able for the first half of 1937 to hold second place in the Division book sales, yielding first place to

our older sister, the Antillian, and it is with a sigh that we can but expect to slip back. Surely God will somehow provide men to fill up the ranks of leadership in this most important branch of His work in this field, and we can but cry to Him to furnish the men. We solicit the prayers of our brethren in behalf of Central America.

C. P. CRAGER.

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**OUR TRAINING SCHOOL IN CUBA**

On September 15, we had the privilege of welcoming Professor W. L. Adams of the Educational Department of the Inter-American Division, for a few days visit with us here in Havana, Cuba. He was on his way to Balboa, Canal Zone, from North Carolina, where he had been attending the Educational Council.

The following day, Professor Adams, Sister Thorp, and the writer set out by bus to visit our Spanish training school, situated at Bartle, about four hundred miles from Havana. We enjoyed the scenery along the way, for Cuba is truly a beautiful island, with its royal palms, extensive sugar cane fields, and fertile farm lands.

Having sent a telegram ahead, we expected to be met at the crossroads leading to the school, but such was not the case. (The telegram was received about two hours after we had arrived.) After waiting for some time, a truck loaded high with logs for the sawmill came by.

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The driver kindly offered us a lift for which we were grateful.

We were cordially received by Professor and Sister J. S. Marshall, and the other members of the faculty. Though every building was crowded beyond capacity, a place was provided for us in the homes of Professors Marshall and Angel.

In order to provide room for the young women, part of the dining room had been partitioned off, where beds were placed in a row with only a foot or so between. Though everyone is crowded, though there is but one shower and one washbowl for about thirty-five girls, everyone seemed happy and was making the best of it. At present there is an enrollment of sixty-four, where there is room for only forty. We hope that arrangements may soon be made to properly care for these students, and many others who are waiting to come.

Professor Adams spoke to a crowded chapel on Sabbath morning. He chose Matthew 24:14 as his text. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." How is this to be done? Our schools are turning out workers who will go back to every corner of their country and preach this message. "You in this school have a definite part to play in finishing the work here in Cuba."

In the young people's meeting in the afternoon, the writer spoke on the importance of recognizing true values. "There is a great disappointment in store for those who have spent their time and strength for that which does not have true worth."

The next morning the student body sang for us their newly-chosen school song in appreciation for our visit.

F. W. THORP.

**TEN MINUTE MISSIONARY SERVICES**

**Sabbath, November 20**

*Missionary Topic:* Witnesses.

*Text:* Isa. 43:10.

*Suggestions:* During the 1936 Harvest Ingathering campaign one of our members visited a teacher in a well known college in the land. As soon as the lady saw the magazine and knew the representative was a Seventh-day Adventist, she expressed great delight and an interest in knowing more about our work and belief. She said:

"Last summer I went to Germany to study music and found myself under certain restrictions. I was accompanied by a guard wherever I went and given to understand that no one was allowed to discuss religion on the streets or in the hotels; in fact, it was almost forbidden to tell what church one belonged to. One day while walking on the street with my guard I

noticed a woman passing who carried a Bible under her arm. Soon another woman appeared, also carrying a Bible. I asked the guard if these people belonged to a church which was exempt from the restrictions, and how it happened that they carried the Bible about with them. My guard replied:

"I will tell you what these people are. They are Seventh-day Adventists. It is impossible to intimidate them when it comes to their religion. They are ready to face cannon fire for their religion, and I want to tell you they are the greatest missionary people I have ever met. They live what they profess and they are not afraid to testify to their religion, in public as well as in secret."

"That made such an impression on my mind that I wanted to know more about the Seventh-day Adventists and you are the first representative of that denomination I have found."

Are you a faithful witness? Are you always ready to testify for Christ? Do you carry your Bible under your arm?

**Sabbath, November 27**

*Missionary Topic:* Fishers of Men.

*Text:* Matt. 4:18-22.

*Suggestions:* Just as surely as we follow Christ we will be fishers of men. The true Christian will be enthusiastic about his religion. The disciples when they were thoroughly converted and when filled with the Holy Spirit, were filled with a burning desire for the salvation of souls. We need the enthusiasm of the apostles, the enthusiasm of the early Christian church. Communism, the terrible curse of this generation, is making rapid progress because of their incessant propaganda and fanatical devotion to their destructive doctrine. An avowed Communist, speaking before a group of college students said, "The church could do what we are doing if they could get enough people soundly converted so that they would put the principles of love in the teachings of Jesus into effect. But we have no hope they will. They are too indifferent, too lazy or blind or selfish. It looks as if they did not greatly care."

My dear brethren, let us show the world that we do care. We have the last gospel message to go to a dying world, and we should be fired with all the zeal and enthusiasm of the apostles and be much more in earnest because we only have a short time to work and our message is the last gospel message to a dying world.

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**WORK ON ST. LUCIA, B. W. I.**

After spending a little over five years at the Caribbean Training School, I was asked to take up colporteur work in Barbados. Many are the wonderful experiences gained in that line of work.

About two years afterwards I was invited to take up another line of work which I accepted most willingly and was sent to St. Lucia, a strictly Catholic field. God has truly been my Helper in this part of the vineyard. Although the enemy is angry and endeavoring to hamper the progress of this glorious movement, the leading hand of our dear Saviour can be clearly seen. Souls are responding to the pleading voice of Jesus.

Last October we held an effort in the city of Castries, during which time around thirty dear souls responded. One of these was visited by her friends and the priest and told to abandon her newly found faith. This was a great test to her. Thank God, she remained loyal, was baptized, and today is one of our most loyal, sincere and spiritual members. Those that were opposed to her faith, now seek her help in prayer and encouragement. Similar experiences could be duplicated.

I am now in a little town called Denery, conducting another effort. The poor people are kept in darkness by Catholicism. Whatever the priest says is law. The poor souls cannot think for themselves. The priest has made a declaration that any member who attends our lectures will be excommunicated, and any whose house is on parish land will have to move it. Many other statements he has made which are too numerous to enumerate. The people are burning candles, they say, over our heads, and at the same time are praying that we leave town. However, I am happy to report that around twenty have taken their stand for the truth, and many others are interested. We earnestly solicit your prayers for the island of St. Lucia.

We are of good courage and are leaning hard on the strong and everlasting arms of our Saviour. As the days go by we are proving Him to be a never-failing friend. It is truly a privilege to be engaged in this glorious work at such a time as this. By God's help I am determined to be true to my trust.

A. A. FORTUNE.

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**DOORS ARE OPENING**

In the city of Ciénaga, department of Magdalena, we have a group of members who are faithful and active in the work of God. They have a great desire to build a church for the honor of God in that place and are working hard to reach this goal. Recognizing the need of such a building in that city, a wealthy man, although not an Adventist, offered them a good lot in one of the best places in the city for the location of the church. He also promised to give them brick and all the materials needed for building at a very

low price. It is planned to have an active campaign during the Big Week this year, and dedicate the profits to the building of this church.

In a city near this one, we have a Sabbath school which is growing rapidly. The owner of several farms in this neighborhood, seeing the beneficial influence that our message is bringing to the people, promised to give them a good lot with all the materials needed for the building, so that they can have a church building and a room for a church school.  
L. V. FINSTER.

**SHE CUT THE WORD OF GOD TO PIECES**

While visiting one of our lay members recently the story of his conversion was related to me. The husband in telling how he began to be interested in the truth said that in early married life they used a great deal of drink. "We were faithful Catholics and although under the influence of drink we would bow down before our images and worship them and, sometimes hardly able to get up from our prayers, would stagger to our beds for the night.

"One day a young man was visiting a barber shop nearby and talked with the man about present truth. I was such a stanch Catholic that I felt I must save the man from being deceived, but after several talks with the young man I became interested in what he was teaching, and he later gave me a part of the Bible to read. However, when I took it home my wife was so enraged that I would permit the Bible to be in our home that she took a knife and cut it all to pieces." The wife added, "Yes. I was fearful he would be led astray by that awful book."

Little by little the truth entered their home, and what changes have been wrought! The drink was given up, images were put out of the house, and today the man is one of the elders of our church and his wife is a deaconess. They have sent their son to our school in Costa Rica and now he is one of our promising young evangelists. Instead of destroying the Bible, they are doing much in its circulation among the people. Do missions pay?  
L. V. FINSTER.

"If the heart has been renewed by the Spirit of God, the life will bear witness to the fact."

"Character is what we are in the dark."

**1938 MINISTERIAL READING COURSE**

For a number of years the General Conference through its Ministerial Association has conducted a yearly Ministerial Reading Course. This Reading Course is conducted for the purpose of keeping our ministers and workers abreast of the times and also helping each worker to become very efficient in his work and maintain consistently increasing efficiency. No worker in this blessed cause should deprive himself of the benefits of the Reading Course for 1938. The books chosen are as follows:

- "China's Borderland and Beyond," by C. C. Crisler,
- "The Sanctuary Service," by M. L. Andreassen,
- "Living Evangelism" by Carlyle B. Haynes,
- "The Sanctified Life" by Mrs. White.

Not only does the General Conference desire to lift the standard of our workers around the world through the Ministerial Reading Course, but also a Theological Seminary has been established



Miss Kathryn Haynal, of the Division Office.

in Washington, D. C. It is essential that all workers who can do so, take advanced study in Bible, history, and other subjects if they are to be kept abreast of the times and constantly advancing in their spiritual knowledge. This Theological Seminary, in the very nature of the case, will lift the standard for our working force all over the world,

and will create higher requirements of all who would be workers in this cause.

It is therefore doubly essential that those who cannot attend the Theological Seminary be very faithful in the Reading Course each year. So we invite every worker employed in the Inter-American Division field and all colporteurs who can possibly do so, to enroll in the Ministerial Reading Course for 1938.

Please mail your application direct to G. A. Roberts, Ministerial Association Secretary, Inter-American Division Conference, Box O, Balboa, C. Z.

**ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES**

Ellis P. Howard and family of the Nicaragua Mission, were visitors at the division office August 23 and 24. Mrs. Howard and the two daughters were returning from California and joined Brother Howard in Critobal. From there they sailed together for the island of Curacao; as the Colombia-Venezuela Union recently appointed Brother Howard superintendent of the Curacao Mission.

Mrs. W. E. Baxter passed through the Panama Canal September 6 on the S. S. "Virginia," en route to Bogotá, Colombia where she joined Elder Baxter in their interesting field of labor. Elder Baxter is superintendent of the Upper Magdalena Mission.

The many friends of Miss Kathryn Haynal will be glad that she has again connected with the division office, having arrived in Balboa September 6 on the S. S. "Virginia."

Since leaving us in 1929, Miss Haynal has taken the nurses course at Orlando, Florida, and spent about a year with the American Hospital in Paris, France. This additional training and experience will make her an able worker in our field. We heartily welcome Miss Haynal back to the division office.

James B. Ross and family visited the division office early in September on their return to the States. We regret their departure which was necessitated by the illness of Brother Ross. Our prayer is that God may speedily and completely restore him to health for continued work in His vineyard.

Mrs. W. H. Wineland visited the division office and compound for a few hours October 4, en route to Barranquilla to join Brother Wineland, secretary-treasurer of the Atlantic Colombia Mission. We wish for the Winelands many blessings in their soul-winning efforts for the Master.