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God's Voice In the Hurricane

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Introduction.—A few weeks ago a devastating hurricane swept the northern part of the beautiful island of Jamaica. Much damage was done, and thousands were left homeless as the result of the terrific winds. Thirty-nine of our church buildings were either demolished or damaged, twenty-six being totally destroyed. As far as we know, none of the lives of our believers were lost; but many did suffer the loss of their homes and their crops.

We are thankful that God spared our people; and we are also happy that from the resources of the General Conference, the Division is able to make available to our believers in Jamaica a very substantial sum for rebuilding the churches, and helping to rehabilitate those of our believers who are in the greatest need.

Again on October 17, another very destructive hurricane swept in from the Caribbean, and passed directly through the city of Havana and its environs, where the Division headquarters is located, as well as the headquarters for the Antillian Union Mission, and the West Cuba Conference. And once more the blessed hand of our God was over His people and the workers, and no serious harm came to any, as far as we have been able to ascertain, although there was some personal loss of property. We have much to thank Him for, and we do praise His name for His protecting care.

We feel to reprint herewith, an article that Elder R. H. Pierson, Superintendent of the British West Indies Union, wrote at the time of the Jamaica hurricane; and which appeared in the *British West Indies Union Visitor*. We feel that this is a very timely article, and worthy of our careful consideration.

GLENN CALKINS.

AS OUR *Visitor* goes to press this week death and destruction have just visited our beautiful island of Jamaica on a scale not witnessed in over forty years. The hurricane that swept most of the island has left in its wake thousands of demolished homes,

desolated fields, scores of dead and injured, and many more without shelter. Truly this is one of the worst catastrophies to strike Jamaica for many years.

While we are binding up our wounds and building again our homes, we should not fail to hear the voice of God speaking through the whirlwind. This violent hurricane, and the ever increasing numbers of like disasters in all parts of the world, speak to us with one accord: "When ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors." Matt. 24:33.

Nearly two thousand years ago the Saviour foretold the advent of such physical disturbances in nature. He warns us to see in these disasters the signs of the times, and to prepare to meet our Lord at His soon coming.

Down through the ages God has permitted unusual upheavals in nature to startle men and women from their sinful ways and to remind them of their duty toward Him. This was true in the days of Noah, when God sent the flood to destroy the wicked antediluvian world. Four hundred fifty years later the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were reduced to ashes by fire from God, "making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly." 2 Peter 2:6.

In the days of Pharaoh, when the Egyptian monarch refused to permit the children of Israel to leave his country, God turned nature out of its course in ten great plagues that fell upon the Egyptians. Pharaoh was compelled to yield to the plans of the living God.

Centuries later, during the time of Elijah,

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the prophet, God again used the forces of nature as an omen of judgment against Ahab, the apostate king of Israel. In speaking of this experience, Jesus refers to it as a time disaster.

"In the days of Elias, the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land." Luke 4:25.

So it has been down through the ages. On many occasions God has used pre-natural forces to bring to the people warning, omens of calamity and judgments to come. Behind this unnatural behavior of the elements we hear the voice of the Almighty:

"The earth mourneth and fadeth away . . . because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant." Isa. 24:4, 5. It is as though the very elements rebel at the wickedness of man as he spurns the love of His Creator.

Today nature brings another message of warning to a sinful world! Though it is an announcement of impending judgment, for the Christian it is freighted with hope—the blessed hope of a soon-coming Saviour.

As our Lord rested one day upon the grassy slopes of the Mount of Olives, the twelve disciples came to Him with the question: "What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" Matt. 24:3.

This is a question that has intrigued men of all generations since the first advent of Christ to this world. Especially in these days of unparalleled

events it is one that vitally concerns every judgment bound individual. It is one that each one of us, dear fellow-believers, dares not pass over lightly lest it cost us our own soul! Consider it with me once more today in the light of the Master Teacher's own words as He replies to His disciples' question about His return:

"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." Matt. 24:7.

So, brethren and sisters, this hurricane that has just wreaked its fury upon our beautiful island home is but another evidence of the times in which we live. God's voice through the storm seeks to remind us that Jesus' coming is very near and that we should be getting ready to meet Him now! He is counseling us to get sin out of our lives and to seek most earnestly the Robe of Christ's righteousness that we might be covered in the day when our cases shall come up before the judgment bar of God.

"Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure. 1 John 3:3. Brethren, sisters, has the blessed hope of Jesus' soon coming purified your lives? Let us not fail to hear God's voice in the hurricane, telling us that we have no time to lose! Let us truly seek Him with all our hearts, "for yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry." Heb. 10:37.

demanding of the church at any other time?

In the first place we are commanded by Christ Himself to be ready. Speaking of His second coming, He said: "Watch therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24:42-44.

This solemn warning implies that the condition of being ready must precede the coming of our Lord. There is no time to get ready after He is seen in the clouds of heaven. The door of mercy will then have been forever closed.

In view of this fact, these exhortations from Christ deeply concern us as a people and as individuals. They belong to our day and to us. Nothing can be more important to our souls than to take heed to these commands, for our very salvation is bound up in heeding them. As Paul said to the devout believers in Thessalonica, so we can say to ourselves at this time: "Ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness." 1 Thess. 5:4, 5.

To be ready does not mean that we shall be like the world, or like any other people living at that time. Will being ready apply to some special doctrine held by those in this condition? No. This fitting up, this readiness, is a spiritual work, wrought on the heart by the Holy Spirit. This condition of being ready and waiting for our Lord must include a preparation that will cleanse us from all sin and wickedness. We must have been washed in the fountain prepared for all uncleanness; our sins must have been confessed and forgiven, and the righteousness of Christ our Saviour imputed to us. Then, with a re-created heart, regenerated and renewed by faith in Christ Jesus, through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we can say, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us."

When the Lord has to do with the preparation, we may rest assured that we have been accepted in the Beloved. His life answers our life; His righteousness has been imputed to us; our preparation to meet the Lord has been made. Now, having been prepared, we must retain our justified condition through

"Be Ye Therefore Ready"

BY I. H. EVANS

According to the Scriptures, there will be a people ready and waiting for their Lord when He comes to this earth the second time. Concerning that solemn event and the peculiar people who will be both ready and waiting to welcome their returning Lord, the prophet Isaiah puts these words in their mouths as they look heavenward to see Christ descending in power and great glory: "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation." Isa. 25:9.

There is no fear in this language. It resounds with triumphant joy and exultant happiness. These waiting ones claim Christ as their God and Saviour,

and they know that He is coming to take them to the heavenly home that He has prepared for them. What song can the ransomed ever sing more full of supreme delight than this song of redemption: "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: . . . we will be glad, and rejoice in His salvation?" Most of us hope to be among the ready and waiting people who will sing that sweetest of all songs.

What Does It Mean to Be Ready?

What, then, does it mean to be ready for our Lord's return? What special preparation must we make in order to be ready at that time? Why is it so important, so vital, that we be in a different spiritual state than has been

continual prayer and faith. The pleasures of this world have no appeal to us; for we have been born again. We now have a new heart, and we are new creatures in Christ, who live not after the flesh but after the Spirit. Like Paul we will be able to say: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Gal. 2:20.

Am I Ready?

The most important question that we can settle at this time is, Am I ready for that great day? How insignificant is every other question in theology, in finance, in official position, even in service, compared to this greatest of all questions, Am I ready for the coming of the Lord? We are now living in the time of preparation. To each individual, what matters anything else if he is not prepared to meet the Lord at His coming? If any one of us is not ready himself, then why should he worry about the faults of others? They may repent of their failures, and find mercy with the Lord, while we continue in disobedience.

Someone may say, "If God does the work of preparing the soul, let Him do it without any interference." But O man! God will never prepare your soul for heaven without your personal surrender and earnest prayers. You have the entire question in your own hands to settle as to whether you will be ready or unready when Christ shall come. Your dearest friend cannot settle that question for you. In this vital matter you are the master of your fate, yours alone is the decision as to whether you will be saved or lost. The moment you surrender your all to God, and cry to Him for forgiveness, that moment the Lord accepts you into His family. As long as you refuse thus to surrender, so long are you in a lost condition.

An Experience

At a large union meeting the pastor of a church with an average attendance of a thousand or more came to the brethren for an interview. He said, in effect: "Not a soul in this place suspects that I am not a Christian; but, brethren, unless I can find help, I am a lost man. I pray; I conduct family worship; I attend the weekly prayer meeting; I preach twice a week, pay my debts and tithes, and give offerings; but my soul has not a single hope. I know that I am

lost unless I can find help. I have wished to make this confession for some years, but have not had the courage."

He then broke into sobs, and wept until it seemed he could not endure more agony. We all wept who were in the room. After a few Scriptures we read, and we had talked, we had a season of earnest prayer. The Spirit of God came into that man's heart, he renewed his covenant with the Lord, and for years he kept his faith, rejoicing in the Lord for his salvation.

Invictus

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and shall find, me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate;
I am the captain of my soul.

—W. E. HENLEY.

His Coming is Near

Look about you and see on every hand the signs fulfilling that proclaim Christ's second advent. Can you doubt that His coming is near and hasteth greatly? World conditions everywhere proclaim the imminence of that event. Not in one nation, but in all the world, war on an unprecedented scale is taking its toll of human lives. Scarcely a home is untouched. As never before, men's hearts are failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth. Wealth has been heaped up till a few men hold control over fortunes that once would have been worth far more than a whole kingdom. Knowledge is increasing; new inventions are now astonishing the whole world; news is flashed from one end of the earth to the other with the rapidity of light. Men "run to and fro" with such speed as to stagger the imagination. Only recently men have crossed this continent in less than six and a half hours. Unrest among laborers is widespread. Organizations of all sorts are greatly multiplied. All these things point to one conclusion—that we are nearing the end of all earthly things.

A New Experience is Necessary

In view of the nearness of Christ's second coming, is it not time now, as never before, that we prepare to meet the Lord by the surrender of self and a deeper, fuller consecration? The Holy Spirit does the work we need to have done, and it is performed when we make a full surrender to the Lord. Our wills, our ambitions, our property, our desires, must be yielded wholly to the Lord. The instant we do this, we are prepared for the kingdom of heaven. Then we can say, I am waiting for my Lord's return.

In this spiritual preparation and experience, time does not count. When the crucified thief turned to Christ in his agony, saying, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into Thy kingdom," Jesus answered: "Verily I say unto thee today, thou shalt be with me in paradise." Luke 23:42, 43. (See John 20:17, first part.) Without lapse of time, Christ gave the repentant sinner the assurance that he would be saved. So to each of us—forgiveness is ours as soon as we confess our sin, and ask for cleansing. John makes this thought clear in his record of Christ's words: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24.

Effects of This Preparation

This heart preparation involves the adjustment of all alienations between us and our families and our brethren. Who can hope for forgiveness if he will not forgive those who have offended him? Who can expect mercy who will not grant mercy to one who has wronged him? The prayer that Christ taught His followers is universal in its scope. "Our Father" includes the thought of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of all men through Christ. We are all one family in Him. "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,"—this is what Christ taught us to pray. There must be forgiveness in our hearts of every wound we have suffered from others if we are to hope for forgiveness and pardon.

Winning Souls

We are living in a lost world, a world in rebellion against our Lord and Saviour. It is our privilege to become ambassadors to the lost and perishing, to lead them to Christ. We can do this by personal contacts, by giving Bible

readings, by visiting the lonely and ministering to the sick, by giving of our means and distributing literature. Let us heed the command: "Go ye into all the world, and make Christians of all nations." Mark 16:15; Mat. 28:19, margin.

Not all will accept salvation, nor did they when Jesus Himself was on earth. After His sacrificial offering of Himself as the Lamb of God, only a few believed; and it was through the activity of His followers that the gospel reached the pagan world. Those who accepted Him were taken under the special watch-care of the Holy Spirit. They went from house to house and witnessed for Christ.

In these last days, when the gospel is soon to triumph, believers should show themselves ardent and zealous as no other people have ever been. To the advent people is committed the finishing of the gospel work on earth. Soon the Lord will return to gather His redeemed ones to enter into their inheritance. If ever the church should be active in the work of soul winning it is at the present time, when doubt and unbelief and every form of heathen philosophy are permeating not only the world but also many professed Christians.

We are told that in the former city of St. Petersburg there stood an old church building where once a year striking ceremony was held. Each member would bring a candle. When all was ready, each person held his candle ready for lighting. At a given signal, the first candle was lighted, then it lighted another, and soon the whole cathedral was illuminated. Thus each member was impressed with the importance of bringing one soul to Christ during the year.

The souls we lead to Christ will be our richest eternal reward, next to Christ and our own salvation. It will be a joy that will never fade or pass away to look into the faces of those whom we have helped to find Him. The Lord will welcome any sinner whom you can persuade to accept Jesus as his Saviour. This is, in itself, an evidence of our acceptance with Him; for we must be accepted of Him, before our prayers can be answered.

Are you ready and waiting for your Lord's return to gather to Himself His faithful children? Should you see Him coming in the clouds of heaven, with all His holy angels, would your heart leap for joy? Could you say, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us?"

Thy coming, Lord, is near at hand;
Prepare our hearts for that great day;
Let every sin at Thy command
In Jesus' blood be washed away.

Let us each seek this preparation.
How many of you will consecrate your
all to the Lord, making a full and complete
surrender, and seek Him with all
the heart at this time?

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Held Up for a Reason

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"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Prov. 3:6.

Have you ever had the experience of losing your place on a plane, and that in the midst of a trip, so that you were just parked in a foreign city until such a time as there might be space for you to continue your travel, knowing that this break in your reservations would automatically cancel all your plans for the remainder of the journey? Well, that is what happened to me recently, at San José, Costa Rica. My time was exceedingly limited, but I had taken a couple of days out to stop at San José to visit the school in the interests of some students there. While I was at the school, on the Sabbath, a phone call came from the Pan American Airways, telling me that my passage had been cancelled. I was to have left on Sunday for Brownsville, Texas.

Sometimes we can pick up transportation "shipside," even after our passage is cancelled; so I made it a point to be at the air port with my suitcases, all ready to go. But there was no chance, and presently I learned that there were others who were also waiting, and had been waiting ahead of me. Two planes left daily, and I faithfully met both of them, day after day, but I did not bother to take my suitcases with me after that first day. It was not very far to my hotel, and since the chances were not very good for getting away soon, I thought it best to leave the baggage in my room until I had secured passage on the plane. A number of us were waiting there every day for transportation, and naturally we became somewhat acquainted with each other, and often joked a little about being "stuck" together in that place.

On Thursday, the fifth day of this waiting program, I went to the air port in the morning, as usual. The same group was still waiting. At noon, I considered taking a short sigh-seeing trip in the afternoon, since there seemed to be no chance to get away that day. However, something seemed to say to me, Why not exercise some faith? I went up to my room and packed my suitcases, brought them to the office of the hotel, and asked for my bill. The manager asked whether I had a seat on the plane, and I said, "No; but I am going to leave this afternoon." He laughed, and so did I; but I paid my bill, took my suitcases, and left for the air port.

Upon arrival, two of the men who had been waiting for passage met me, and, seeing the suitcases, inquired if I thought I was leaving. They laughingly informed me that the radio report had already been received, and stated that there was not a chance of getting away that day. Nevertheless, I went on to the ticket office, and said to the agent, "Well, I am leaving today. Is that right?" He looked at me, and then quietly remarked, "Your name is Nickle, is it not? Yes, you are to go on this plane today!"

When the plane arrived, the passengers disembarked for a few minutes, and I was greatly surprised to see among them an American gentleman whom I had known in Panama. He and his fifteen-year-old foster daughter were on their way to the United States, where he planned to leave the girl in school. As we flew along together over Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Salvador, and Guatemala, they told me of their plans for the future, and I soon discovered that they had no particular school in mind; but that the father expected to put the girl in a Catholic school in Los Angeles, California. He had a sister out there who was going to help him to locate a school for his daughter. I then told him a little about our schools, and made a suggestion or two; but did not say too much about the matter in a direct way. That night we stayed in Guatemala City, and continued on our way the next morning. Again, as we flew over southern Mexico, we talked about schools, and I found that they had become quite interested in the suggestions I had made. At last I pencilled a note to the president of Union College, in Nebraska, where my daughter June was attending; and also a note to June, which I handed to him. I pointed out to this friend that this

location would be much nearer for him than California, and that the school was a very good one.

In Mexico City, my passage was cancelled because of the delay in Costa Rica, so I continued my journey by train and we parted company there. There was apparently no final decision concerning the school matter when we parted; but I learned later that they did go to Lincoln, and out to Union College; and the girl is in Union College today, happy and contented in this new, but strange environment.

I received a letter from President Cossentine recently, in which he stated that this young lady is doing very fine work, and is fitting into the program in a good way. Therefore I feel that my four days' delay in San José was time well spent. It is not difficult for me to understand now, why I was put off the plane at that place. The Lord knew just when to have me pack my suitcases, and be ready to resume the journey. He knew when this friend of mine would be passing through with his daughter. In fact, he had all the information necessary for that connection; and that was information which no human could supply, under the circumstances.

Friends, let us ever keep in mind that God always has *all the facts* concerning every experience that is to come to us, and that if we seek His leadership, we shall not make mistakes. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Prov. 3:6.



A Beautiful Thought

"Those who seek God in secret, telling the Lord their needs, and pleading for help, will not plead in vain. 'Thy Father, which seeth in secret, Himself shall reward thee openly.' As we make Christ our daily companion, we shall feel that the powers of an unseen world are all around us; and by looking unto Jesus we shall become assimilated to His image."—*"The Mount of Blessing," pp. 126, 127.*



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Youth's Congress in Jamaica— 1944

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Nothing stirs the hearts of Seventh-day Adventists more than to see the youth of this movement mobilized and girded with the armor of service.

Immediately following a strenuous In-gathering campaign of six weeks' duration, in which the 3,000 young people of the East and West Jamaica Missions collected more than \$2,750.00, nearly two thousand of these young people gathered in Kingston, on July 20, for the second Youth's Congress to be held on the island. This interesting congress convened at the North Street Temple on Thursday evening and continued through Friday; but, as the organizers had rightly anticipated, this large church was far too small for the purpose, and the Sabbath and Sunday meetings were held at the Ward Theater which is the largest available building in the city. This hall also proved far too small, and the saddest feature of the whole congress was to see scores of young people weeping outside the closed doors of the theater because the restrictions governing the use of this building prohibited their entrance; for every seat had been occupied.

Pastors C. L. Bond, and A. H. Roth, of the General Conference and the Inter-American Division, respectively, and pastor R. H. Pierson, Superintendent of the newly-formed British West Indies Union Mission, led out in the meetings, and brought great inspiration and good counsel to the youth in attendance. Many hours were devoted to the study of the following important topics: "The Life Work," "Sabbath Observance," "Recreation," "Association," "Marriage," and "The Youth's Crusade Movement."

At least two days could have been profitably spent in answering the hundreds of questions that were turned in, and which had to be answered in less than two hours, for lack of time. No one who heard Pastor Bond's sermon on "The Home," on Sabbath morning, will ever forget it. We feel sure that every

one caught a new vision of the fifth commandment, from the beautiful illustrations that he used.

On Sunday afternoon the largest Investiture service ever conducted in Jamaica, was a feature of the congress. This occasion will live in the memory of all who witnessed it, as an important step in the lives of the young people in this field, and particularly in the lives of those receiving merit awards for work and study completed. One hundred and thirteen persons were invested by Pastor Bond, the father of progressive class work, in the following groups: eight Master Comrades, four Comrades, fifty-two Companions, and forty-nine Friends.

In planning the congress it was felt that a period should be set apart for the purpose of giving the youth a recreational treat. The Jamaica Military Band was engaged to play on Saturday night, and the members of this body appeared on the stage dressed in their colorful Zouave uniform, and led by Captain I. G. Jones, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M.

Special mention should be made of the music in other phases of the congress, which was of a high standard. The choirs of the four Kingston churches, and those of Montego Bay, Spanish Town, Port Antonio, and of the West Indian Training College, rendered beautiful music; and three anthems were presented by the combined choirs, in which over two hundred voices took part. This was indeed an outstanding feature of the congress, and the numbers presented were deeply inspirational.

The congress closed on Sunday night with a fine talk on the good work being done by Seventh-day Adventists, which was given by the Honorable Barrister E. E. H. Campbell, member of the Legislative Council for Kingston; and this was followed by a stirring sermon by Pastor R. H. Pierson.

Much credit is due to Pastor H. S. Walters and Brother E. C. H. Reid, the Missionary Volunteer secretaries of the East and West Jamaica Missions, and to Pastor D. V. Pond, the director of the East Jamaica Mission, for their untiring efforts in planning, organizing, and carrying through the work of the congress.

We feel sure that the youth of Jamaica have caught a great inspiration from this congress, and we look for a rich fruitage of souls in the near future of our young people's work on this island, as a result of the good meetings that were held with and for the youth in this field.

News From the West Jamaica Mission

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The workers of the West Jamaica Mission have been laboring hard, faithfully sowing the seed of truth. Already we have begun to reap a bountiful harvest from recent efforts. Not only the ministers and laymen have been working, but the colporteurs have been doing their part as well, in the great campaign for souls in this field. Here is an example of their harvest:

Many years ago, Brother Leslie Dillon, while canvassing in Bull Savannah, St. Elizabeth, tried to convince a woman of the truth of the third angel's message. Because she was alone in her decision to keep the Sabbath, she became discouraged and turned back. Seven years passed, then Brother Dillon returned to the same district. He again came in contact with this woman and stayed in her home. He gave her Bible studies, and once more she stepped out with new determination to obey the message. This time another family joined her, and together they began to hold a Sabbath school.

As pastor of this district, I had the privilege of holding a few night meetings there, and as a result many others have been convinced of the truth. Today they have a thriving Sabbath school of over thirty members. There are now seventeen in the baptismal class, and already one of the new converts has given a plot of land for the erection of a church. As a start, a lime kiln has been built, and plans are being made for the laying of the foundation in the near future.

Brother Henry Powell, a lay preacher from the Cumberland church, in Manchester, has been successful in raising up a branch Sabbath school at Ramble, in that same parish. These new members built a booth with concrete floor for worship. The membership grew so rapidly that now they have been organized into a company.

The Asia church, in Manchester, has a "daughter," and the Grove Town church also has a "daughter." These two groups are within a mile of each other, and have united in the building of a church at Pusey Hill, under the leadership of Brother U. Crawford, one of our lay preachers. These humble workers believe in the old axiom, "in unity there is strength." They are planning for a corner stone laying early in the new year.

"After Many Days"

Recently the church at Newell received a letter from a woman in British Honduras, telling of her experience. She had been living at Great Pedro Bay, St. Elizabeth, when Brother Luther Mullings and Sister Brodie began holding open-air meetings there. She does not remember anything of the sermon, but she says:

"I remember the hymn, 'Glory, Glory to His Name,' and I now thank the Giver of all good gifts for the seed which was sown, and which has been watered and is now prospering."

This woman went to British Honduras, where, through the efforts of Brother C. Clough, a Jamaican, she and her husband accepted the message and were baptized by Elder C. B. Sutton. Now she requests that the church at Newell continue the meetings at Great Pedro Bay, laboring especially for certain of her relatives to whom she has written, telling of her newly-found faith, and asking them to accept it.

Though many times one might labor and not see the immediate results of his work, yet he should never become discouraged: "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11:6.

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Healed in Answer to Prayer

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A remarkable experience of healing in answer to prayer, occurred recently, in the case of one of our members in the church at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. Brother Samuel Taitt had been suffering for several weeks with a severe heart attack, which steadily grew more serious, apparently defying the skilled efforts put forth by one of the best physicians in the city. Meanwhile, the church members prayed; but, as though God heard not, his case gradually became hopeless from a human standpoint.

On the evening of June 30, it was evident that the end was near; but our brother reached out the hand of faith to

the Great Healer, and, like Hezekiah, pleaded for life. Remembering the admonition of James 5:14, 15, he sent a message to the ministers who were present in the city, requesting that special prayer and anointing be conducted for him, in harmony with the exhortation of the Lord.

After making sure that he had fulfilled the conditions laid down in God's word for the taking of such a solemn step, five of us ministers, led by Elder W. E. Read, the Union President, met around his bedside on July 1, and humbly prayed for his healing.

This was a very solemn occasion. During the first prayer, our brother heard a voice which seemed to say to him, "It is useless. You are too late. You cannot be healed." For a moment, he told us, he began to feel despondent; but, before this prayer was ended, his faith revived, and in his mind he determined that he would trust himself fully into God's hands, for life or for death.

There were no demonstrations of feeling, but the Spirit of the Lord was present. Each minister prayed; and Elder Read anointed him with oil; and after commending him to God's loving care and providence, we left the room. From that moment his pain ceased. He rested quietly that night and steadily gained in strength, day after day. On the second Sabbath following this prayer service in his behalf, to the astonishment of the congregation, who had not yet learned of the special prayer and anointing for our brother, he walked into the church and bore his testimony to the saving power of God, pledging his life and talents to the Master's service.

A notable incident in this connection, was the fact that the doctor had promised to return that same evening to begin a course of injections. However, it happened that he never did return with the injections, and since then he has neither visited nor inquired concerning the condition of his patient, as was his custom under ordinary circumstances. Neither had he heard anything concerning the religious service that had taken place. Just why he did not return is not known to us; but the experience has greatly encouraged our believers of the local city church, inciting them to the exercise of greater faith in God, confidence in answers to prayer, and increased faithfulness in service.

For a greater infilling of the Holy Spirit, a deeper sense of fellowship, and an awakening of our people to true god-

liness, we have been praying. This is but one instance of answered prayer, and is a token of a deepening of the spirituality of our people throughout the field.

Notes of General Progress

The work of God is marching forward in the Caribbean Union with increasing momentum. Every department shows encouraging signs of steady progress. Under the leadership of the union Publishing Department secretary, A. R. Haig, and with support of his loyal local conference leaders; namely, J. Ramratan, W. Weithers, and C. Dirgoonanan, our faithful band of colporteurs are literally doing exploits for God. During the first five months of the year 1944 they have delivered \$35,299.30 worth of literature, showing a gain of \$10,745.64 over the deliveries for the same period of last year.

The spirit of service is taking a firmer hold of our laity throughout the field, as our union leader of the laymen, R. E. Cash, directs the ranks of the Lord's army in their search for souls. It is noticeable that an increasing number of our converts have come to us as the result of the work done by our faithful laymen.

Every minister has pledged his cooperation to make a special evangelistic drive during this centennial year. Practically every man is engaged in such efforts, and in all parts of the union God is blessing our work with marked results. Our young people are with us in this drive for souls. To them, this year, 1944, is "Crusade Year." Accordingly there is a concerted effort being made to win as many young people to the Lord as we have Missionary Volunteers in the field.

In Barbados, the Missionary Volunteers of the city churches are conducting an evangelistic effort with encouraging prospects. In the South Caribbean and Guiana Conferences a number of them are devoting their energies to the circulation of our magazines, which are being sold by the thousands monthly.

In Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, these untiring workers are selling approximately 5,000 copies each month. This is resulting in the springing up of new interests here and there. The young people in Georgetown and New Amsterdam, British Guiana, are also doing a wonderful work for God in connection with the distribution of magazines.

The Educational Work

The youngest enterprise of our work in this field is that of our Educational

Department. We are glad to report that this "baby" adds weight regularly, which is a sign of health and growth. While this growth is seen in the material facts and figures, it is even more marked in the increasing interest which the constituency is taking in the cause of Christian Education. This is apparent in the increased financial support being given, which, though still rather weak, is surely growing. It is our hope to see not less than four new schools added by January, 1945. It is our goal to have a church school in every church or group of churches, and every Seventh-day Adventist child attending a church school.

We thank you, dear reader, for your prayers on behalf of the work in this field, and we solicit your continued interest and prayers. Soon the work will be finished, the last fruit will have been gathered, and we'll all be gathered home to dwell with the Master Workman, and to join in the victor's song: May the Lord keep us all faithful until that glad day.



A New Home Missionary Activity

By R. E. CASH, Secretary
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We have a small company of believers at Santa Cruz, on the island of Trinidad. Although they are few in number, there is a good prospect for a church in the near future. A series of studies was conducted by a lay brother about five years ago in this place, and twenty-one members have been brought into the message since that time. No evangelistic meetings have been held in the village by a conference worker, and few have been the visits of the district leaders, who have been burdened down with many responsibilities; but the members do not sit idly by, doing nothing in this community which is ninety per cent Catholic. They have formed what is termed the "Christian Choral Singing Band." The people of the village have consistently refused to attend our meetings because of vigorous campaigns carried on against us by the leaders of the popular church; therefore, our members are now carrying the message to the people in their homes.

On reaching a home, the group sings outside, while one approaches the door and explains the reason why they have come. Generally they are invited into the home. The group of workers, which

usually numbers about one dozen, enters the home, but they do not sit down. They find a place most convenient for them to group themselves for singing. The first song that is rendered usually introduces the subject to be presented briefly by several speakers, who are usually young people. Each unit of study and song continues about ten minutes, and is devoted to the subject to be presented to that home. Appropriate songs are sung in between the short talks of the speakers.

The following program is used for the topic, "The Second Coming of Christ:"

First Song: "He is Coming."
First Speaker: "The Promise of His Coming."
Second Song: "Jesus Comes."
Second Speaker: "Signs of His Coming."
Third Song: "Redemption Nigh" (No. 9393 in Christ in Song")
Third Speaker: "The Manner of His Coming."
Fourth Song: "Waiting and Watching."
Fourth Speaker: "The Purpose of His Coming."
Last Song: "Lead Me Gently Home, Father."

Usually some literature is left at the home before the group leaves; and often the young people are asked to return at some future time. For this purpose a number of appropriate programs have been arranged. No offering is asked for, although offerings have been made voluntarily; and the money received is used to supply literature for these little efforts on the part of the young people.

This work is breaking down prejudice, and a number have become interested in the message as a result of this means of presenting it to the people. Thus the message is being brought right into the homes of the people in a most pleasing manner. We believe that those who bring the words of truth to hungry souls are fulfilling the scripture found in Jeremiah 16:16, which reads:

"Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them: and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks."



"God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning, and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as co-workers with Him."—"Desire of Ages," p. 225.



"By some, education is placed next to religion; but true education is religion."—"Counsels to Teachers," p. 108.

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Words of Cheer and Progress From Honduras

By PETER NYGÅA D., Director
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Some fifteen miles out from San Pedro Sula, up in the mountains of Honduras, there are several small settlements. One or two of our members living far away from these settlements felt a burden to bring the good news of present truth to the people of the mountains; and they started to visit these people, and to hold Bible studies with them. In this brief report I wish to speak of the interest in Los Planes, in particular.

The Bible studies continued for some time, and later, our worker in San Pedro received a call to visit the interested ones and instruct them further in the truth. Several visits were made, and quite an interest is now developing in Los Planes. Four persons have already been baptized, and many others are preparing for this rite.



First Group Baptized in Los Planes, Honduras.

The people of the mountains of Honduras are rather primitive in certain ways, and have never heard the gospel before. But they are intelligent and responsive, and readily learn the different phases of the message. There seems to be a good field for the seed of truth in this part of the Lord's vineyard, and doubtless many souls from these regions will accept the message of salvation.

It is interesting to recall that a poor, but sincere lady started the work there in Los Planes. We praise the Lord for

such faithful self-supporting workers. Yes, the laymen are at work in Honduras also.

Our second picture shows a larger group in Los Planes. These are the interested ones who are studying the truth further. Let us pray that many of them will yield their lives to God, and join us in giving the gospel to others.



Interested Group in Los Planes, Honduras.

On the opposite front of the Republic of Honduras, another lay worker felt impressed to journey far out into the country to tell his former friends of his newly-found faith. As a result there are now six baptized members, and many more are interested. We thank God for the loyalty and the diligence of our laymen in this field; and invite your prayers that the seed they sow may bring forth a rich harvest of souls for the everlasting kingdom.

The Lord says: "Ye are My witnesses,"—and so it is, even now. How happy we should be that we are all called to be witnesses for Christ!



Pastoral Work in the Canal Zone Area

By A. R. OGDEN

Since connecting with the Panama Conference in May, 1942, my responsibility have included pastoral leadership of the two Panama City English churches; namely, the Panama City church, and the Chorrillo church. To this service I have devoted the major portion of my time, and I thank God for the results of His blessing upon our efforts.

Pastoral work cannot very well be reported in figures, but we can report good gains in attendance, and also in baptisms. The tithes, Ingathering funds, and other general offerings have shown a good, upward trend; and the general spiritual condition of the members appears to be good. There is an excellent

spirit among the members, and we are of good courage.

In addition to pastoral work, the brethren asked me to serve as Camp Pastor for our young men in the armed service of the government. We believe that the results of holding our "boys" together under spiritual influences on the Sabbath have been helpful, and this is evident in their many expressions of appreciation. The personnel of the group is constantly changing, but the same good spirit of earnestness and appreciation continues.

We have the pleasure of providing the Sabbath midday lunch for our soldiers and sailors, and thus they have the privilege of spending the Sabbath hours together. This little service seems to be much appreciated. The boys spend the Sabbath afternoon hours reading our literature, singing, and resting as they choose. We have some good musical talent in the group, so singing occupies a good part of the time.

Improvement of Our Properties

Church building facilities for both Panama City and Chorrillo have been greatly improved of late. The Panama City church building has been completely renovated, both inside and out. New and adequate sanitary facilities have been installed for both the church and the church school. Hoods have been provided over the church school end, and on either side of the church auditorium, thus affording shelter from rain and sun; and many other, minor improvements have been added. In fact, to all intents and purposes the general appearance suggests an entirely new structure. The "new" Seventh-day Adventist church, therefore, has been the talk of the town for some months now; and we are glad to report that while the improvements have cost more than three thousand dollars, there is no indebtedness for this work.

For the Chorrillo church a new property with a very old building on it was purchased with funds from a special appropriation of five thousands dollars. The purchase price represents approximately the value of the land only; and the building, which is a structure of thirty by sixty-six feet, is sufficiently large, but is badly in need of repair. Much work, and about two thousand dollars have been expended in remodeling, which has greatly improved the appearance and comfort of the place. All who are acquainted with the former situation would rejoice to see the improvements thus far made. Little by

little, as funds are available, we expect to continue the good work of building up the general appearance and usefulness of our church properties.

These material improvements have brought in a new spirit of interest, and missionary zeal; and we feel that the money has been well spent. Our members are active in the distribution of literature, so that we can say that literally tons of our church magazines and periodicals have been placed in the hands of the public. Much of this literature has been provided by friends in the United States, and their co-operation in this good work is much appreciated.

Educational Advance

We are happy to see a strong educational program in progress in our midst. The regular three-teacher church school has an enrollment of one hundred and twelve, and the night school, preparatory to the prospective Panama Conference secondary school, was recently inaugurated. The night school has an enrollment of one hundred and nine of the more advanced young people. Thus we have at the present time in the Panama City church two hundred and twenty-one of our boys and girls who are enjoying the privileges of a Christian education. It is evident by these facts that the fires of the educational program are burning brightly in Panama City.

The Guest Home

The guest home, which is being maintained in the Inter-American Division house, in which I make my home, provides a neat chapel for the Sabbath school for our service men, and also for the civilian believers who are located in the Balboa district. During the past two years of my residence here, we have entertained hundreds of our workers and missionaries. This little service, provided at this crossroads of the world, has been much appreciated, especially by our missionary families going to and returning from mission fields. We have thus had the privilege of entertaining many families from South America, Africa, and the Orient. At times our limited accommodations have been insufficient to care for all who wished to stay with us; and yet this small service has saved the denomination many hundreds of dollars in hotel expense. In fact, we usually have a waiting list at this our "house by the side of the road."

It is certainly a privilege to have a small part in the various activities of the Panama Conference. God has

blessed me with health and with courage, so that I have neither needed nor taken a day off duty; and we thank Him for the progress and advancement that is evident here in our part of the field.

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Mission Experiences in Colombia

Writing some time ago, of mission work in Santa Marta, Colombia, South America, Brother Tirso Escandón says:

"The Week of Prayer was a very notable spiritual success. In the churches of Santa Marta and Cienaga we held the meetings at five o'clock in the morning. All attended with punctuality, and were full of interest and enthusiasm, and the meetings were a blessing to all in attendance. There were nine other groups, and their meetings were held in the evening.

"In accord with instructions, I attended Week of Prayer meetings at six different places to give the reading concerning 'Christian Stewardship.' The experiences that I heard regarding the material and spiritual value of the payment of tithes, were varied and marvelous. Our people are devoted to the work of the Lord, but have expressed their desire to be more faithful, cost whatever it may.

"One brother told us, in the meeting for spiritual revival in the matter of the tithe, of a wonderful experience he had had. He is in charge of a telephone office, and has a large family. His salary is relatively small, and his wife has suggested on various occasions that he write to the management and ask for an increase in salary. Our brother has replied that the God whom they serve would arrange the matter in due time.

"One morning, a few days ago, when he arrived at the office, he called his wife by telephone to remind her of the conversation of the day before; and also to tell her the good news that he had just received a letter in which he was told that his salary was being increased satisfactorily. And not only that, but also he was told that the increase would begin with the preceding month. We see in this the fulfillment of the faithful promises of God to His children."

The Spirit of Our Colporteurs*

It is true that the territory in and around Cali, Colombia has been well worked. In fact, it is because of the faithfulness of our colporteurs in this district, that our work is so well known here. But I have found some places that have not been entered by a colporteur; and this makes me feel that I have been somewhat negligent in the work of the Lord. Yet I have the assurance that the Lord has considered me as one of His co-laborers in the great work of winning souls through the distribution of our truth-filled literature. It is my purpose that by His help, I shall do my full duty in helping to finish the work of giving this message to those who have not yet heard it.

It is true that this field is a hard one in which to carry on the literature ministry, but the words of the apostle Paul give me strength to undertake the duties that come to me day by day; for he says: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13. These words have encouraged me to go on, and always with confidence. Without Christ I would not be in the work; and some day I shall have the privilege of seeing with my own eyes many souls won for Him by means of the small efforts that I am making in His cause.

I have visited the large farms, and I have always had success, thanks to the Lord. This territory is very extensive, and I do not believe that I will finish it before the date set for the institute; but I shall do my best. Every day I feel happier in the colporteur work, for I know that I am in the work of the Lord." **MIGUEL MELIA.**

*It is not often that we hear from the colporteurs themselves; but here is a little write-up, which evidently wasn't intended for publication, but which is sweet with the spirit of devotion and sacrifice. It brought cheer to our hearts, and we believe each one who reads it will take renewed courage in the knowledge that souls are being won continually, when faithfulness and devotion characterize the efforts of those who are sowing the seeds of truth.—Ed.



Did You Know? That plans are under way for the building of a church at Bucaramanga, Colombia? The plans have been received from the local mission, and both the local and union committees have approved them. These plans are now in the hands of the Division Committee for approval. Soon the construction work should be under way, for Brother Bergherm says, "This build- is greatly needed, and we think you will agree with us that we have worked out very fine plans for this project."

A portion of the funds for this work is already in hand; and the specifications are drawn up in such a way that the most necessary sections can be constructed first, and other portions a little later on, when more money is available. In speaking of this project, Brother Bergherm adds:

"I do not know how we could have put up a more simple style, or have provided a more serviceable building with the amount of money available, and the space in which we have to build. At best, some features are somewhat crowded; but we have tried to plan for maximum utility within the limits of space and expense. This has been our real problem. We have a large attendance at Bucaramanga, and this new building will be much appreciated, and will bring new strength to the work there."

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Twentieth Anniversary

By HAROLD F. HOUSE, Superintendent
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Just twenty years ago four local missions were organized in the Republic of Mexico, and thus was formed the new Union Mission which had been authorized only a few months earlier. During the twenty years that have passed since that time, the message of the second coming of Christ has been proclaimed with ever increasing power throughout this whole land.

Faithful colporteurs and consecrated pioneers had blazed the way long before the Mexican Union Mission had been organized as such; and these loyal men and women made it possible to launch an aggressive program of evangelical conquest. And yet even today there are enormous cities and states in this great republic where absolutely no permanent work is established. Nevertheless we are profoundly grateful to God for His untold blessings.

At the beginning of the year 1924 we had 17 organized churches in Mexico. Now we have 130. Then we had 505 baptized church members. Now we have more than 8,000. Then we had 26 Sabbath schools, while today we have 519 fully organized Sabbath schools, which stand as sentinels of light all

through the republic. Twenty years ago we had 640 members in these Sabbath schools, as compared with over 17,000 at the close of 1943. The number of baptisms per year has increased steadily; but we had never been able to report a thousand baptisms in one year until at the close of 1942, when 1,078 baptisms were listed for this union. During 1943 there were 1,447 baptisms in Mexico, and we are working to exceed even that good record during 1944.

Other signs of advance might be enumerated, but truly we can see from these few statistics that the hand of God is upon His work. Another encouraging feature that inspires the workers in this great field is to know that during recent years it has been possible to conduct many public evangelistic efforts in the principal cities where we have church buildings. During 1943 about twenty of these efforts were celebrated. Definite plans were outlined for conducting many more such efforts during 1944, and we look for an ever-increasing harvest of souls in the months to come.



The Joy of Giving to Missions

By H. A. B. ROBINSON, Secretary-Treasurer
 Tehuantepec Mission

"Let us all sing, 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow,' for His special help this morning," I said, as the pastor of the Puebla church announced to the Sabbath school members the fact that we had not only reached the goal of \$140.00 for the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, but had actually gone well beyond it, reaching a total of \$162.34.

The eighty-five members and the visitors present had given cheerfully and willingly, so that Ethiopia and West Africa might have some of the many things mentioned as necessary in the missions readings that were presented during the twelve Sabbaths of the quarter. Just before the offering was taken, we presented the needs again, endeavoring to place before the members a graphic picture of the situation, especially in Ethiopia. For this purpose we used a large map of the world, on which a red wreath was placed around Ethiopia, and a red light was arranged, to come on at just the right time to attract attention to the needs of the field as they were presented.

The story was related again concerning the attitude of the emperor's family and household toward our work, in that

a Seventh-day Adventist missionary had been placed in charge of the domestic affairs of the palace, with full charge of the fifty servants, the emperor's food the family wardrobe, and the dietic regime in general. We were also reminded that our missionary had the privilege of studying the message with the empress; and that the emperor had sent his national treasurer over to the United States to ask our brethren at headquarters in Washington for four doctors and six teachers to come and help in the educational and medical work of the empire.

We told also of the wonderful experience one has who sees with his own eyes the results of his offerings to missions, as do many Adventist young men who are now serving in the armed forces overseas, especially in the islands of the Pacific. We then suggested that our members give in a special way, even by making pledges beyond what they were prepared to give as their Thirteenth Sabbath offerings, so that this would be something outstanding in the way of giving for the work in Ethiopia. In response to this appeal, the Lord really blessed us in a wonderful manner, and the people gave willingly.

The Sabbath school Investment Fund is also becoming well understood in this field, for some churches have sent in as much as \$184.00 for this offering. One sister told of planting four cents' worth of corn and realizing \$4.50 from it for the Investment Fund.

We thank the Lord for His rich blessings upon those who are faithful in giving for the support of His work.

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The Journey's End

IMOGENE JUDITH HENRY was born in Jamaica, B. W. L., February 2, 1899, and died at Camagüey, Cuba, August 3, 1944. She accepted the Adventist faith and was baptized in 1927 by Pastor J. B. Sales. She was married to M. N. Skyers in 1928, and to this home were born three children, all of whom, with the husband and father are still living.

Our sister was an active member of the Verientes, Cuba, church for more than fifteen years, serving in various positions of leadership, including responsibility as church organist, and in church school teaching, as well as in young people's work and Dorcas Society activities. She continued to do all that her strength permitted, until it was necessary to lay down her responsibility because of her illness.

The family, relatives, and many friends mourn their loss of a loving and faithful associate; but they find comfort in the precious promises of God, and expect to meet their dear one at the time of the first resurrection. Funeral services were conducted in Camagüey, Cuba, by G. Marshall, assisted by E. Goldbourne.

LAURENCE BREITIGAM

Realizing that many friends and acquaintances will be anxious to learn more in regard to the tragic death of one of our most loyal missionaries in Mexico, the following information has been written for publication in the MESSENGER:

On the night of September 16, the Mexican National Independence Day, Brother Laurence Breitigam left Mexico City by bus, being accompanied by Brother Antonio Correa, and they were en route to Montemorelos and Monterrey.

After having traveled for several hours, they were approaching the little town of Actopan at about 9:00 p. m., when an on-coming truck, evidently blinded by the lights, side-swiped the bus and jammed into the seat where Brother Laurence Breitigam was traveling. The impact and damage practically destroyed his left arm, and the delay in finding a doctor, and finally, in returning him to Mexico City, resulted in the loss of much blood, and consequently the accident proved fatal. However, our brother lived until Tuesday night, September 19, when he passed away in the American-English Hospital, twenty minutes past midnight.

Many of our Mexican brethren and sisters in Mexico City put forth every possible effort, and worked with devotion to save his life. But they are comforted to know that he died in "perfect peace," after bidding farewell to each one. The writer was not able to reach Mexico City until the next morning, it being impossible to get passage on the plane from Monterrey when word was received by telephone that he could not live many more hours.

A very brief, but impressive service was conducted at the cemetery on September 21 at sundown.

His grave is in the Adventist lot, in the Mexico City Civil Cemetery. The only consolation that the father could find was that his son, Laurence, had spent nearly four years in faithful labor as a beloved missionary "In The Service Of The Master."

We are sure that his reward will be abundant in the kingdom of heaven, because he sowed much precious seed in this field, and lived an exemplary life of unselfishness and loyal devotion toward the people for whom he worked.

Our deepest heartfelt sympathies go out to each one of the bereaved members of his family, and with them we look forward with expectation and confidence, "Until Jesus Comes."

HAROLD F. HOUSE.

"He Will Finish the Work and Cut it Short"

By ROBERT M. WHITSETT, Secretary
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Whenever I think of the speed with which radio carries our message to the world, I am reminded of that text in Paul's epistle to the Romans, which says: "For He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness; because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." Romans 9:28.

Radio broadcasting accomplishes within minutes what it took the pioneers of the work in Inter-America years to do. Going with the speed of light, at 186,000 miles per second, the Voice of Prophecy program is broadcast through the ether waves from thirty-six stations in this Division every Sunday.

Where in former years our missionaries spoke to small companies at widely separated places, millions of people now comprise the radio audience. Every week the citizens of Mexico, D. F., Guatemala City, Monterrey, Bogota, Panama City, San José, Maracaibo, San Juan, Georgetown, B. G., Port-of-Spain, Havana, Ciudad Trujillo,—to mention but a few,—have the privilege of hearing the advent message broadcast from powerful transmitters in their own cities.

The Scripture says, "He will cut it short in righteousness." Some day, soon, probation will close. Radio evangelism is certainly one of the "extraordinary methods," referred to by Sister White, that will help to finish the work. With its complement of the Bible Correspondence school, radio evangelism is today responsible for the baptism of hundreds of people, and thousands more are preparing for church membership, in our Bible Correspondence schools.

Elder R. H. Pierson writes concerning a huge enrollment program starting in Jamaica; Pastor Kinzer reports that after the first week's broadcast in Guatemala, there were more than a thousand in the Bible class; Puerto Rico urgently requests more certificates for those who have finished the course. And everywhere we hear the cry, "Print more lessons,

send more certificates, many more are being baptized."

Beloved fellow believers, God is finishing the work! While we have the opportunity, let us use radio to the full extent of its possibilities. We solicit your prayers and your co-operation.

THE VOICE OF PROPHECY RADIO LOG for the INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION

(Broadcast in the Spanish Language and on Sunday Unless Otherwise Indicated)

Country and City	Station	Frequency Kc. & Mts.	Time
BRITISH GUIANA			
** Georgetown	ZFY	6000-50	6:00 P. M. *** 6:00 P. M.
COLOMBIA			
Barranquilla	HJAK	1310	6:30 P. M.
Bogotá	HJCU	720	6:30 P. M.
Bogotá	HJCA	4855-61.79	6:30 P. M.
Cali	HJEE	1090	6:30 P. M.
COSTA RICA			
San José	TIPG	625	6:00 P. M.
Son José	TIPG	9615-31.20	6:00 P. M.
CUBA			
Havana	CMQ	690	6:30 P. M.
Havana	COCQ	8830-33.97	6:30 P. M.
Santa Clara	CMRQ	800	6:30 P. M.
Camagüey	CMJL	920	6:30 P. M.
Holguín	CMKJ	970	6:30 P. M.
Santiago de Cuba	CMKU	720	6:30 P. M.
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC			
Ciudad Trujillo	HIN	1090	8:00 P. M.
Ciudad Trujillo	HIIN	6243-48.05	8:00 P. M.
Santiago	HI9B	6383-47	6:30 P. M.
GUATEMALA			
Guatemala City	TGW	610	10:30 A. M.
	TGWA	9685-30.98	10:30 A. M.
	TGWB	6460-46.44	10:30 A. M.
	TGWC	1520	10:30 A. M.
HONDURAS			
Tegucigalpa	HRN	5875-51.06	8:30 P. M.
La Ceiba	HRD2	6235-48.11	(Sat. Eve.)
San Pedro Sula	HRP1	6351-47.24	(Sun. Eve.)
JAMAICA			
** Kingston	ZQI	4700	
NICARAGUA			
Managua	YNPS	6240-48.08	7:15 P. M.
Managua	YNDS	6760-44.31	7:15 P. M.
PANAMA			
Panama City	HP5J	9690-31	6:00 P. M.
Panama City	HP6J	1356	6:00 P. M.
* Panama City	HP5J	9690-31	9:45 A. M.
* Panama City	HP6J	1356	9:45 A. M.
Colon	HOK	640	12:30 P. M.
	HP5K	6005-49.96	12:30 P. M.
PUERTO RICO			
San Juan	WKAQ	620	1:30 P. M.
* San Juan	WKAQ	620	5:30 P. M.
Mayaguez	WPRA	990	8:30 A. M.
SALVADOR			
San Salvador	YSO	1470	8:30 P. M.
San Salvador	YSN	7270-41.26	8:30 P. M.
TRINIDAD			
* Port of Spain	WVDI	990	2:00 P. M.
VENEZUELA			
Maracaibo	YVIRF	1120	7:00 P. M.
Maracaibo	YVIRX	4800-62.5	7:00 P. M.
** Caracas	YV5RM	4890-61.35	
** Caracas	YV5RB	790	

HAITI
(Soon to begin local French Broadcasts)

* English Broadcast.
** Negotiating, not yet confirmed.
*** Repeated Tuesday.

People Places and Projects



BY RUTH CONARD

For some time it has been felt that there were very definite possibilities of making the farm at our Colegio de las Antillas, in Cuba, a paying industry, and efforts have been made to secure the services of an expert along agricultural lines to build up this work. We are now happy to report that Professor Glenn Houck has answered this appeal, and is now located at the Santa Clara school, taking charge of the farming industry. Professor and Mrs. Houck arrived in Cuba on October 31 of last year. Previously, for a number of years, Professor Houck had been located at Berrien Springs, Michigan, where he had charge of the extensive garden, fruit, and poultry industries at Emmanuel Missionary College. We are pleased to have been able to secure the assistance of Professor Houck for our work in Santa Clara.

A welcome addition to the thin line of workers in our Santo Domingo Mission came with the arrival of Elder and Mrs. C. R. Beeler, on September 21, 1944. Elder Beeler has been called to evangelistic work in this field. His previous experience includes two years as pastor of the Baton Rouge, La., church, three years as district pastor in Arkansas, and most recently he served as the pastor of the Fort Smith, Ark., church. Two little girls, Martha Francis, aged four years, and Rebecca Fern, about a year old, make up the juvenile part of the Beeler family. We understand that Elder Beeler's mother accompanied the family to Santo Domingo.

The Panama Academy, for the English-speaking young people of the Central American Union, is at last becoming a reality. About eighty-five acres of land has been purchased near the village of Pedregalito, Panama. Plans have now been drawn up for the buildings, and it is expected that construction will soon be under way, proceeding, of course, only as fast as funds are available. The Pan American Highway will pass right by this property.

Professor L. A. Wheeler, the new principal of the Panama Academy, arrived to take over his duties on Sep-

tember 10, 1944, and received a cordial welcome. Professor Wheeler has spent several years in California in connection with educational work, most recently on the teaching staff of the Fresno Union Academy. With Professor and Mrs. Wheeler came their eight-year-old son, Joseph Lawrence.

The month of October, 1944, witnessed the arrival in the Caribbean Union of the new principal of the Caribbean Training College. Since February, when Professor C. E. Stenberg was forced, because of health reasons, to return to the United States, the school had been without a permanent principal, although Elder R. L. Badgley had been doing good work in carrying this responsibility temporarily. Professor and Mrs. A. R. Tucker are well qualified for the work to which they have been called, having been in educational work in our denomination for more than twenty years. Some of this time was spent in mission service in Japan and Korea.

Coming Events

- Feb. 3 - - - - Christian Home Day
 Feb. 10 - - - - Voice of Prophecy
 (Offering for Radio Work)
 Mar. 3 - - - - Home Missions
 Mar. 10 - - - - Educational
 (Offering for Elementary Schools)
 Mar. 17-24 Missionary Volunteer Day
 and Week of Prayer
 Mar. 31 - - - - Thirteenth Sabbath
 (Overflow for Inter-American Division)
 April 7 - - - - Medical Missions

Another missionary family which we are happy to welcome to our territory is that of Mr. F. H. McNeil, who has been appointed secretary-treasurer of the Atlantic Colombia Mission. Mr. and Mrs. McNeil and their three children, Oran Edwin, age five years, Frank, age four years, and Sherie Lee, of less than a year, reached their field in October, 1944. They come to us from Colorado, where Mr. McNeil has recently been connected with the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium.

A very-much-needed church property has been purchased in Colon, Rep. of Panama. There is a two-story cement structure on the property, which will serve as a meeting place for the new group of believers raised up as a result of Elder Farrell's effort, with whom the Silver City church are joining. The

Cristobal Spanish church will also be able to meet in this building.

The purchase of a church building property in San José, Costa Rica, has been approved. This property is in a good section of the city, just a block from Central Avenue, and will fill an urgent need for an adequate meeting place for our believers in that city.

After diligent search, a piece of property for our Haitian training school has been decided upon, and Division approval has been given for the purchase of this land. It is about three miles from Port-au-Prince, and easily accessible to the city. Part of the land is rolling, and part flat enough for cultivation. There are a large number of shade and fruit trees on it. It is believed that this property will be very well adapted to the purpose of our training school and we are looking forward to commencing the erection of the buildings before very long.

We are thankful to report that the hurricane which swept across Cuba in October, with a peak velocity of 158 miles per hour, did not damage any of our offices in Havana—Division, union, or local—and there were no casualties among our workers. However, the large tabernacle which was being set up in the Víbora section of the city, looking forward to the opening of an effort under the direction of Elder Braulio Pérez, was so badly damaged that it was thought best to delay the conducting of this effort in Havana for the present, and Elder Pérez went to Cárdenas to carry forward evangelistic work there for the fall and winter. We are glad to report that our lay people, also, fared surprisingly well in the storm. There were no serious casualties. There were some of our people, however, who lost their homes, especially in the western province of Pinar del Río. About eight of our families in the Los Hoyos church group were made homeless, but the church remained intact. There was also considerable destruction on the Isle of Pines, and our people there suffered serious property damage.

Miss Ivy Freeman arrived in Cuba on November 10, 1944, to take up work as secretary-stenographer in the Antillean Union office. This office has been without regular English stenographic help for over a year, and her coming has filled a very real need. Miss Freeman has recently been employed in the Michigan Book and Bible House.