

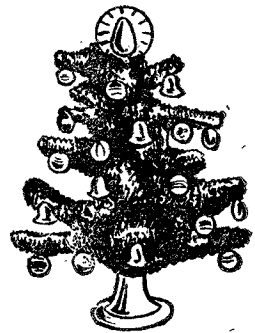


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Season's Greetings To Our Brethren



Morning after morning throughout the year it is the custom of the Inter-American Division office personnel to gather in family-style worship to lift their voices to heaven in behalf of the workers and believers in the Inter-American Division territory. It is a part of our daily life to pray for the ministers and Bible instructors who teach and preach the Word of God; the teachers who in our schools train Advent youth for service; the doctors, nurses and technicians who minister to the sick; the literature evangelists who carry the printed page; the laity who faithfully witness for the truth, and the leaders who in the missions, conferences and unions direct the great Advent Movement. The Inter-American family is very dear to our hearts. We long for our brethren in the "blessed hope" to have the experience of faith and righteousness God wants His people to possess in these times.

Now as we have come to the end of another year we use the pages of the **Inter-American Division Messenger** to send you our Christian love and greetings.

How wonderful it is to be brethren in the household of God. How comforting it is to have the sure promises of our Father for the foundation of our faith. How satisfying it is to have a part in giving the gospel message. How cheering it is to realize that soon we shall be gathered in to the kingdom of heaven.

These thoughts bring soberness and gladness to our lives. They cause us to write you at this year's end to say: "Brethren, be faithful. Our Lord soon will come. Never cease to work until the Master shall have come."

May heaven's riches of grace become your possession.

President, Inter-American Division.

Evangelism

IN THE INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION



Lay mission work among Guaymie Indians in Panama.

News from Our Evangelists

Elder Harold Fletcher, Home Missionary Secretary in West Jamaica, writes, "Steadily we hear the tread of the laymen as they advance. Often the roads are muddy with tropical rains but their ardor is not dampened. Many meetings have been washed out for 1954 has been an unusually rainy year." He gives excellent reports from many of the lay preachers informing us of good attendance and candidates ready for baptism. If the regular meeting cannot be held because of the rain then they hold a cottage meeting instead, for they are sure to find people at home. Their motto is: "I must work the work of Him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work."

From Guatemala comes this word from Evangelist G. A. Jeffries: "A time of great opportunity for the preaching of the gospel has come to Guatemala. The political and economical disturbances have not hindered our work. On the contrary, the recent happenings are causing the people to ask what these things mean. Then we can explain in the light of prophecy that 'when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh.'"

He tells of two lay workers, Javier Sosa and Walcott Flowers "who began a small series of meetings in a

town about twelve miles from where they live. After several weeks they were able to form a baptismal class of more than forty members, and last week twenty were buried in the waters of baptism as a result of their humble efforts."

When Elder David Garcia began his meetings in the Mendoza Stadium in San Jose de Costa Rica there were many difficulties. The invitations mailed the first week were detained at the post office because the title of the lecture included the word "peace". One of the employees told him, "It is a curious fact but true, that today we are afraid of the word 'peace'".

"When we were ready to begin the second meeting," he writes, "the civil guard came to close our hall on the pretext that we had no permission, but thanks to the direct help of God we were able to continue our meetings without any interruption. We were not able to take up offerings with liberty either. But in spite of all this, God blessed us richly with a fine attendance. When the first five were baptized we made a call for others to join a new Bible class and thirty-five persons responded to the invitation by standing."

Later Brother Garcia was loaned to the Nicaragua Mission for meetings in Managua. There was a constant attendance and fifty baptisms were expected as a result. Brother Efrain Murrillo is carrying on a strong program of visitation as follow-up work.

We also have word from Cuba that "Pastor Raul Villanueva, with ten helpers, has begun a very enthusiastic effort in the city of Ciego de Avila. More than five hundred persons are coming night after night and show great interest in the subjects presented."

Elder Walter Schubert's meetings in Havana are still bearing fruit. "On the evening of September 2^o ten more were baptized. This makes a total number of 164, and there are still nearly 400 interested persons who are being contacted by Bible workers and ministers."

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Guaymie lay worker improving an opportunity.

Messages

TO THE CHURCH

“Forward with Increasing Success”

R. R. FIGUHR

President General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

The invention of printing has been used by God as one of the most effective means of bringing to waiting souls everywhere the message of present truth. The work of Gutenberg opened “a great door and effectual,” for the spread of the gospel. Just as the letters of Paul to the early church were “weighty and powerful” in bringing strength and unity to the believers in his day, so the distribution of tracts, periodicals, pamphlets, and books has proved to be of untold value in the development of the remnant people, who look for the soon coming of the Saviour.

Every Seventh-day Adventist knows that a large number who join our church do so as the result of reading our denominational literature. All minds are not influenced in exactly the same way. Some are content to rely quite largely on the spoken word of the living preacher. Others are not satisfied until they have also examined the records. Still others, who, because of circumstances of location, are deprived of personal fellowship and instruction, must depend altogether on our literature in order to learn the truth for the last days.

The growth of the publishing work among Seventh-day Adventists is a marvel of divine blessing and guidance. Ever since the word came to James White in 1848, “You must begin to print,” the prospering hand of God has been manifested. The publications now being circulated in nearly all parts of the world speak in clear, convincing terms in hundreds of languages, calling men and women to search the Scriptures and to prepare for the day of God.

Seventh-day Adventist literature has an individuality all its own. It bears a positive and timely testimony. It appeals to mind and heart. It arouses the reader to the significance of the hour and to the imminence of coming events. It enriches the life, and is a potent aid in witnessing to

friends and neighbors of the blessed hope.

A flood of literature is abroad in the land today. Many good books and periodicals are prepared by the secular press for the general public. We would not discount them. But there are many other publications that reflect the vanity and folly of the world. Comparatively few are of genuine value to the soul looking for a solution of the problems of life, death, and eternity. And yet is this not a time when the solution of just such problems is needed as never before? Surely we have before us a wonderful opportunity to place on the bookshelves of the world those volumes that speak the word of truth, warning, admonition, and courage in these days of crisis. We need to emphasize the reality of the divine commission to us as a people, to do our part in producing and circulating a distinctive literature of the Advent Movement, which will be like streams of light shining clear round the world.

For many years we have recognized the importance of the literature ministry in this denomination. Repeatedly it has been emphasized that our force of colporteurs could be greatly increased. Again and again we have been told of situations in certain lands where the supply of our books has been cut off perhaps by war or by legislation opposed to our work, so that the colporteurs could not continue their labors. We recognize such a situation as a tragedy. We pray and work for the emergency to be overcome. How zealous we should be to do all in our power to foster the work in lands where restrictions do not exist and where in harmony with divine instruction the printed page can indeed be scattered like the leaves of autumn!

Our publications are not only for the world. They need to be in the homes of all our own people. Their

message and influence need to be woven into the very fiber of our lives. Children of Seventh-day Adventist families should never be able to remember the time when books and papers from the denominational press were not to be found on the table and the bookshelf. What a goodly heritage our youth receive when from their earliest years they have vivid recollections of the weekly visits of our periodicals for children and youth and of the thrilling and instructive books of the several reading courses that have been so carefully and wisely selected by the God-fearing leaders of our young people. What a safeguard such literature has been against the tide of trash that pours from the public press and sweeps so many adrift.

Much of the counsel given in 1875 as a part of the first appeals for trained colporteur evangelists is still timely. Mrs. E. G. White, in September of that year, received in a dream an earnest message. We quote a portion of it:

“God has placed at the command of His people advantages in the press, which, combined with other agencies, will be successful in extending the knowledge of the truth. Tracts, papers, and books, as the case demands, should be circulated in all the cities and villages in the land. Here is missionary work for all.

“There should be men trained for this branch of the work who will be missionaries, and will circulate publications. They should be men of good address, who will not repulse others or be repulsed. This is a work which would warrant men to give their whole time and energies as the occasion demands. God has committed to His people great light. This is not for them to selfishly enjoy alone, but to let its rays shine forth to others who are in the darkness of error.” — *Life Sketches*, p. 217.

As the third angel's message swells into the loud cry, our publishing

work is to keep pace with the widespread advance of the remnant church throughout the world. It must never be allowed to languish. On the contrary, the well-known and oft-repeated slogan must be continually kept before us, "Forward With Increasing Success." More publications to more people in more languages should be our constant aim.

A few weeks before he died James White said, "I must see the publishing work prosper. It is interwoven with my very existence. If I forget the interests of this work, let my right hand forget her cunning." — *Ibid.*, p. 249. What a noble resolution on the part of this stalwart servant of God. What a worthy example to every one who believes in fulfilling prophecy and the nearness of Christ's return. What a challenge to the church in all the world to enlist the support of every member in the continued development of this divinely ordained means of bringing many to the light of truth and of hastening the Saviour's coming.

News From Our Evangelists

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A lay worker in Cuba, Santiago Giraldez Mujica, of Pinar del Rio tells an interesting story about a recent convert. This poor man lost his wife, and as he was very fond of her, he shut himself up in his house and ate nothing for 19 days. When the neighbours realized what was happening they went into the house and found him there about to die. It was then that we met him and brought him hope through the gospel. In his home we carried on a series of cottage meetings. Before his conversion he was such a rough fellow that the neighbour children were afraid to go near his house, but afterward he was so gentle that he wept, longing for his neighbors to accept the truth. He had a son who was serving a term in the penal colony on the Isle of Pines. Imagine the father's surprise when he received a letter from his boy asking his forgiveness and saying that he had become a Seventh-day Adventist through the Voice of Prophecy lessons! Now the father and son are united in the same hope."

May the Lord bless the efforts of our evangelists all over our Inter-American Division!

You cannot do a kindness too soon, for no matter how soon, it may be too late.

— Anon.

"Be Ye Holy"

GLENN CALKINS

"Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy." Lev. 20:7.

The Christian life is not simply a slight modification or an improvement of the old, but it is a complete transformation, and this means death to self and sin, a resurrection to a new life as a new man in Christ Jesus. We should ever remember whether in the home, in the shop, on the farm, in the market place, that "as a shield from temptation and an inspiration to purity and truth, no other influence can equal the sense of God's presence." — *Education*, p. 255. The heavenly Father would then be in full control.

A few days ago I was reading about a new camera that is capable of taking twenty-four million pictures per minute — one of the marvels of modern science. My friends, there is still a faster camera that is transferring daily to the book of life a panoramic picture of our daily lives. "Remember that day by day the great Master Artist is taking a picture of your character. Your thoughts, your words, your actions, are transferred to His record book, as the features of the human countenance are transferred to the polished plate of the artist. We are to be Christ's representatives on the earth — pure, kind, just, and merciful, full of compassion, showing unselfishness in word and deed." — *Medical Ministry*, p. 184.

We must take time for the study of God's Word and for prayer. If we ever enter the pearly gates into the kingdom, we will go, as it were, on our knees. If we ever cease to be the people of the Book, we are lost, eternally lost. It is only as we daily talk to God in prayer and listen to His voice speaking to us from the Bible that we can ever hope to live the life that is "hid with Christ in God."

While we should remember that our "citizenship is in heaven; whence also we wait for a Saviour" (Phil. 3:20, A.R.V.), still we are in the world as an integral part of human society, and must share with our fellow men certain responsibilities in the common problems of life. Seventh-day Adventists, above all people, should be good citizens, dependable men and women in the community where they live. Their lives should ever be looked upon as examples. We should, as far

as is consistent, do all in our power to better social conditions in our community, while at the same time standing apart from all political and social strife. We should quietly and firmly maintain an uncompromising stand for justice and right along with strict adherence to our religious convictions. It is our sacred responsibility to be loyal citizens of the government to which we belong, rendering "unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's: and unto God the things that are God's" (Matt. 22:21).

We should ever keep in mind the sacredness of the Sabbath day. We are told that it was to be a sign of the living God. "Hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you." We should earnestly heed the admonition of the Word of God to "remember the Sabbath to keep it holy."

We should pledge ourselves again to a renewed consecration in the observance of God's holy day by —

1. Sacredly guarding the edges of the Sabbath.

2. Welcoming the holy hours in worship around the family altar and again marking its close at the setting of the sun.

3. By putting aside all secular papers and refraining from the use of the radio and the television.

4. Refraining from pleasure trips or unnecessary travel.

5. Not engaging in idle conversation or in thinking our own thoughts or in speaking our own words.

We should ever remember that our body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, and it should be our purpose to follow the precepts and instructions laid down for God's people. Health reform is a broad principle covering many things, and we should acquaint ourselves intelligently with those principles. "Those who are keeping His commandments must be brought into sacred relation to Himself, and . . . by temperance in eating and drinking they must keep mind and body in the most favorable condition for service." — *Counsels on Health*, pp. 132, 133.

In our dress we should remember always that we are representatives of Jesus. Men and women alike should never dress in such a

way that their clothes attract the most attention. Rather, the character of Christ should be reflected from the face at all times. In other words extremes of all kinds should be avoided. We should be careful in the kind of recreation and amusements that we seek. A standard is kept by the United States Government in Washington, D.C., of each weight, measure, and quality of all merchandise. God has likewise an unchanging standard for all Christian character. No one should attempt to alter it or question His authority. We must reach the standard of the government of heaven. No man-made ethics will pass, however enticing they may appear. Recreation is necessary for healthful living; but the so-called amusements of the world are not necessary and are often harmful. "Amusements are doing more to counteract the working of the Holy Spirit than anything else, and the Lord is grieved." — *Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, p. 281. Quoting again, "There is a distinction between recreation and amusement. Recreation, when true to its name, re-creation, tends to strengthen and build up. Calling us aside from our ordinary cares and occupations, it affords refreshment for mind and body, and thus enables us to return with new vigor to the earnest work of life. Amusement, on the other hand, is sought for the sake of pleasure, and is often carried to excess; it absorbs the energies that are required for useful work, and thus proves a hindrance to life's true success." — *Education*, p. 207.

In the matter of our reading we should remember counsel from the pen of inspiration. "The religious experience is to a great degree determined by the character of the books you read in your leisure moments." — *Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 204. Again, "The practice of story reading is one of the means employed by Satan to destroy souls. It produces a false, unhealthy excitement, fevers the imagination, unfits the mind for usefulness, and disqualifies it for any spiritual exercise. It weans the soul from prayer and from the love of spiritual things." — *Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, p. 134.

I am thankful that there will be music of all kinds in heaven, and I am happy that there are beautiful songs of praise and thanksgiving here on this earth. The book *Education*,

page 168, declares: "Let there be singing in the home, of songs that are sweet and pure, and there will be fewer words of censure, and more of cheerfulness and hope and joy."

When it comes to the establishing of a new home, again we should very carefully study the words of instruction from the Scriptures and from the Spirit of prophecy. Paul states, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Cor. 6:14). "Let those who are contemplating marriage weigh every sentiment and watch every development of character in the one with whom they think to unite their life destiny. Let every step toward a marriage alliance be characterized by modesty, simplicity, sincerity, and an earnest purpose to please and honor God. Marriage affects the after-life both in this world and in the



A Thought at Christmas

They came from courts of splendor
far away

O'er paths, perchance, their feet
had never trod,
And in a manger bed lo! they be-
held

The Son of God.

O would that I might live and walk
with Him,—

Guard well each little hour of
sacred tryst,

That others may, within this life of
mine,

Behold the Christ!

— *Vernon Berry.*



world to come. A sincere Christian will make no plans that God cannot approve." — *The Ministry of Healing*, p. 359. "Unless you would have a home where the shadows are never lifted, do not unite yourself with one who is an enemy of God." — *Messages to Young People*, p. 440. Who is an enemy? "He that is not with me is against me" (Matt. 12:30).

If we are earnestly and honestly trying to be holy even as He is holy, then we will follow the example that He has set for us, following simplicity because He followed simplicity. "But in the days of Noah, men married without consulting God, or seeking his guidance and counsel. So it is in the present day; marriage ceremonies

are made matters of display, extravagance, and self-indulgence. But if the contracting parties are agreed in religious belief and practice, and everything is consistent, and the ceremony be conducted without display and extravagance, marriage at this time need not be displeasing to God." Mrs. E. G. White in *The Review and Herald*, Sept. 25, 1888.

The spirit of worldly weddings is contagious. One in a church community often sets a standard for others that follow. Each succeeding one tries to outdo the predecessor, and thus there is created a vicious circle, which grows and enlarges as the days go by. May God help us to remember that we are a simple people, that Jesus is our example, that He lived a simple life.

"Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy." In closing may this be a call to prayer, a call to reconsecration, a call to rededication of life and all that we have. If ever we needed to pray, it is now, for the enemy of souls is come down like a roaring lion, because he knows that he has but a short time.

"Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy." "You who have long lost the spirit of prayer, pray, pray earnestly, Pity thy suffering cause; pity the church; pity the individual believers, thou Father of mercies, Take from us everything that defiles, deny us what thou wilt; but take not from us thy Holy Spirit." — *Special Testimonies for Ministers*, Series A, No. 7, p. 33.

Success In Spite of Strong Opposition in Indonesia

F. Hamel

Recently I held a series of meetings in an island town. One night when we had a large attendance an angry man entered the meeting place and dragged his wife out of the hall. Once outside the meeting hall, he severely beat his wife, and this continued for some distance along the road toward their house. People were afraid to help the woman because her husband was so very angry. This disturbance was the signal for a mob to attack the hall with stones. Eight large stones fell inside, but no one was hit. People expressed their conviction that God protected us that night.

At the close of the series of meetings in the same hall eight new believers were baptized — a symbol of the eight stones throwing incident.

Small Literature In Evangelism

H. K. CHRISTMAN

It was a wonderful vision. In November, 1954, 106 years will have passed since that vision was given to form the pattern of the large sector of our literature ministry that is designed for missionary distribution among the masses. After the vision of that distant day in that eventful year, Mrs. E. G. White said to her husband, "You must begin to print a little paper, and send it out to the people." — *Life Sketches*, p. 125.

We feel impressed to emphasize the "little paper" feature expressed in this vision. Is it possible that these words symbolize the tremendous number and volume of tracts and periodicals that have appeared in many languages through the years announcing our distinctive message to every part of the world? The hidden potential of that marvelous vision has blossomed through the intervening years until at this moment the tracts and periodicals of Adventism have attained a world coverage and have made a magnificent contribution to our soul-winning endeavor.

Several factors serve to emphasize the important place our tracts and periodicals are destined to occupy in heralding our special message to the world.

In the first place our smaller literature makes an immediate appeal to people in the midst of life's busy pursuits. A number of years ago we were admonished to "let literature be distributed judiciously, on the trains, in the street, on the great ships that ply the sea, and through the mails." It is possible that the Lord, speaking through the prophet, was envisioning our time, when He said, "Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it" (Hab. 2:2).

In a southwestern city two sisters were waiting in a bus terminal for transportation to another town. Surveying the contents of one of our reading racks, they each chose a copy of one of our most popular periodicals for perusal. Its silent message found a response in their hearts and they both enrolled in the Bible correspondence course featured in its pages. In due time they subscribed for the periodical. Its regular visits, combined with Bible study, intensified

their interest and convictions. A Sabbath morning visit to the Adventist church in their city brought them into personal contact with the pastor. Within a few weeks they were baptized and accepted into fellowship.

Then too, tracts and periodicals provide an economical approach to the missionary idea among our people. In the price schedule of our smaller literature most tracts are available at a cost of only one cent per copy, while our widely circulated missionary periodical can be mailed to any part of the world for approximately three cents per week.

Some months ago we learned that one of our brethren in the Northwest was making a real sacrifice to provide a club of one of our periodicals for distribution in a large city in the Orient. A copy fell into the hands of a woman of culture and refinement. A careful perusal of its contents prompted a letter of high commendation to the publishers. She, too, enrolled in the Bible correspondence school in India. While she pursued her Bible study the periodical came regularly to her home. Her letter was relayed to the conductor of the Bible school. In his reply, a few weeks later, he announced the conversion of this woman to the truth and her subsequent enlistment in active service for her own people.

And lastly, tracts and periodicals provide an excellent opportunity for every member participation in active missionary service. We must not forget that this is the genius of the prospective success of Adventism in its conquest of the world with a saving message. "In this work every disciple of Christ can act a part."

As one illustration of the limitless possibilities for world coverage, it is interesting to note that all the copies of our *Signs of the Times* alone, printed in an average year, if placed three feet apart, would reach clear around the world at the equator.

Through the years we have been constantly inspired by the vision of a mighty movement that will swell into the loud cry of the third angel's message, as we near the end of time. How appropriate, it is to anticipate a steady stream of our tracts and periodicals rolling from our presses and publishing houses in an ever-

increasing volume, reaching the judgment-bound masses.

And how often our hearts have been thrilled anew as we recall the inspired promise that "God will soon do great things for us, if we lie humble and believing at His feet. . . . More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications." — Mrs. G. White, quoted in *The Review and Herald*, Nov. 10, 1885.

This is both our challenge and our prospect as we contemplate our work during these lingering hours of human probation. Oh, that we might individually accept it, and determine to share with the redeemed in the great home-coming event soon to occur! — *Review and Herald*.

Layman Prepares Candidates

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morning) The morning after our arrival in town we went immediately to the market and said to each other, "Now we'll look for a man that has an Adventist face." We decided on a man selling grain and spoke to him. Although he wasn't Brother Salamanca himself, he was an Adventist and one of his converts.

We now have an organized Sabbath school with 12 baptized members in Florencia, Caqueta as a result of the efforts of this faithful lay member. Although he doesn't know how to read or write the Lord has helped him face the bishop and seminary students as well as the municipal authorities, who have tried to break up the meetings. In spite of opposition he continues the meetings and continues to prepare more baptismal candidates.

— Luis Florez Q.

Unforgettable Experiences

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here — my wife, six children, and myself." Each one had a number to report. The family together had won 34 new members during the year. A whole family of soul-winners!

I see again the young man who came with his shirt, as well as his heart, torn to pieces. The night before, he told us, when his parents knew he was determined to be baptized, they hid his clothes, leaving him only one ragged shirt. He told our young people, "You have no idea how hard it is to be true when your parents are against you. Be thankful for Christian parents!"

In Other Lands

Progress At The Lake Titicaca Training School

P. G. WERNER

The Lake Titicaca Training School at Juliaca, Peru, is probably at a higher geographical level than any other institution for secondary education in our denomination. Situated not far from the western tip of Lake Titicaca at an altitude of more than 12,500 feet, it serves a thickly populated territory in the highlands of southern Peru.

These windswept heights and plains north and south of Lake Titicaca are the home of many thousands of Aymara and Quechua Indians. Scattered among them live about ten thousand Adventist believers who look to the Lake Titicaca Training School as the center for advanced education for their sons and daughters. This current year we have enrolled 254 students in the secondary courses, with 54 more in the primary.

The year 1954 marks the thirtieth anniversary of the Lake Titicaca Training School. During this time the school has become widely known and, indeed, a landmark of Adventism in the Lake Titicaca field. More than six thousand students have passed through its halls in those years. Many of them have served as elementary teachers in the numerous Adventist schools scattered throughout the altiplano (highlands). A good many of them are also serving the field as Bible instructors and mission directors. In fact, all the stations in this field are now entirely manned by Indian pastors and directors who earlier received their training in this school.

Among its students we find today the sons and grandsons of the noble men who in the early years helped F. A. Stahl establish the work in this region. Not long ago a whitehaired man told us how, as a lawyer, many years ago he rode on horseback out to old Plateria Mission in order to help Elder Stahl meet his opponents. Now this same man has brought his grandson to our school.

About two months ago the school choir was invited by the inspector of education to present a choir number in the assembly hall of the municipi-

ality. There were present the authorities of the province, together with many teachers, who had come in for a special program. It seems the public was favorably impressed by the presentation of the choir, and the colonel in charge of the local military was heard to say, "How in all the world can these Indian boys and girls be taught to sing that way!"

During the last summer about twelve of our students went out colporteur. Three of them earned full scholarships. All the students also took an active part in this year's Ingathering campaign. The end of the field day saw two thirds of the goal reached. Even the non-Adventist boys and girls in the school participated in this campaign.

We are greatly cheered that the thirtieth anniversary will also mark a great improvement in the physical facilities of the institution. A much-needed telephone line will bring the school into closer contact with the town of Juliaca this year. A small printing press, also to be installed, will form the nucleus of a new industry for the students. Best of all, however, is the construction of a new and spacious dining room, well exposed to the warmth of the sun. It is hoped that it will be under a roof in a few weeks' time, before the heavy rains come and do serious damage to our construction work.

Thirty years of labor and struggle have brought marked signs of growth here in the highland plains of Peru.

Inquisitive Postman M. V. CAMPBELL

In Florence, Italy, our Bible correspondence course has a host of regular students, and consequently enjoys a large daily inflow of mail. Also each day there is an equal volume of mail leaving the office, to be posted in a mailbox nearby.

About a year ago the postman who collects the mail from this box became curious about the organization which so regularly filled it to capacity. He called at the Bible correspondence office to satisfy his curiosity regarding the people who were responsible for his heavy load. Not only was the postman shown the office, but he was also enrolled as a student.

Not long ago, August 28, he and his wife were baptized. Both were present a week later at the Sabbath services of the Italian Union session, September 4, and told me of their joy in the Lord and of their happiness as members of our Florence church.

Large Camp Meetings In The Belgian Congo

H. W. KLASER

Elder and Mrs. R. M. Reinhard recently took a five-thousand-mile trip through the Belgian Congo, auditing the books of the mission stations, the conference, and the institutions. They attended four camp meetings within an area of fifty miles, having a combined attendance of thirty-three thousand. During these meetings 672 persons gave their hearts to the Lord.

They attended a camp meeting on beautiful Lake Kivu, high up in the mountains. There were ten thousand in attendance, and 214 Africans took their stand for Christ.

Next they wended their way over high mountains, through fertile valleys and deep jungles to the Rwankeri Mission. This mission has a membership of 11,000 with more than thirty thousand in the Sabbath schools.

"Today we are having camp meeting," writes Sister Reinhard. "I wish you could have been here to see what we saw. Down the high mountains from every direction, hundreds of white-clothed African Christians came, marching in single file to the Sabbath school,

"And then from the hilltop where our big church is situated, we could see Sabbath schools in session, all around the valley, literally acres of Sabbath schools. It touched our hearts to look on thirty thousand bright eyes focused upon the speaker.

"I was asked to speak to the children. The large church was crowded to capacity, and from every door came more and more children. They filled the aisles, the rostrum, and every inch of space. We were crowded even while standing behind the pulpit. Never before have I had the thrill of speaking to over three thousand children." — Review and Herald.

For all the Family

A Fence For Junior

Question

My little two-year-old boy has just started running away. We live right on a busy street, and I am afraid he will get out into the road sometime before I know it. I just can't keep my eye on him every minute of the day. How can I break him of this habit?

Answer

Build a fence. Children of this age have a very difficult time remembering just where an imaginary line is, but they can understand a fence. Even if you do not own the property and must leave the equipment when you move, the amount of money invested will more than repay itself in the satisfaction it gives you and in the protection it affords the child. At this early age children should be free to run and play within their own territory. You will also find that this fence is a great help in regulating the number of visitors from the neighbourhood and in supervising their activities when they are playing with your child. Usually the ideal spot for this play yard is in sight of the kitchen window, where Mother can keep her eye on the children.

But even with a fence, every child should learn to stay where he is told. Someday the gate may be left open or he may learn to climb over. Should he wander away from his yard, bring him back and point to his feet, saying, "Those feet of yours should learn to mind. You are a good boy and you want your feet to be good too. What shall we do to those naughty feet to make them stay at home? Let's tie them right here to this post, and that will teach them to obey you."

All of our training should be to help the child control himself. While he sits there from three to five minutes he is doing some constructive thinking about making those feet of his behave. He is beginning to learn the all-important lesson of self-control. He must make his hands, his feet, and every part of his body obey him. Should his feet carry him away again from the narrow path, bring him back to the same post and tell him he must make those feet get into line. They will have to be tied until they are ready to mind. After eight or ten minutes you might say, "Do you sup-

pose those naughty feet have learned their lesson yet? If not, they had better stay right there until they do." A few lessons of this kind usually effect a permanent cure, if he is never allowed to "get by" even once. But with all this training, **don't forget the fence.**

— Archa O. Dart.

Watch Your Voice

The tone of the human voice is one of the best gauges of our state of mind. When we are nervous and excited the gauge goes up. When we are depressed and confused, the gauge goes down. The words we speak may burn like steam or freeze like ice water. Our words and the tone of voice in which we say them may mean the difference between success and failure in human relations.

Through some delicate arrangement of the human body, the mind and the voice are attached in a mysterious pact of unity that accurately reflects inner feelings — good and bad. If we only knew how much the tone of our voice affects the happiness and welfare of other people, we would make an effort to make the tone of voice pleasant and cheering at all times. This is possible even when we do not feel good inside . . .

Your husband, your wife, your neighbours, your fellow workers, all know how you feel and what you are by the tone of your voice . . . There is no better index to your character, no better gauge to your feelings, than your voice.

D. A. Delafield in "Life and Health"

What Does Christianity Mean ?

In the Home, Kindness.
In Business, Honesty.
In Society, Courtesy.
In Work, Thoroughness.
In Play, Fairness.
To the Unfortunate, Pity.
To the Fortunate, Congratulation.
To Sin, Resistance.
To the Strong, Trust and Good Will.
To the Weak, Help.
To the Penitent, Forgiveness.
To all Men, Reverence and Love.
To God, Worship and Service.

— Charles F. Banning.

Parental Privileges

And, ye, fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. — Eph. 6:4.

There are so many ways in which children can be provoked to wrath, and parents are not always as ready to admit what they are for fear their children will begin to excuse themselves and blame the parents for their troubles. Well, there is enough of both attitudes.

The question may well be asked, "Who is responsible for the modern breakdown of the home anyway? It must be laid fairly at the door of the older generation, for they have controlled the home — or at least they should have.

The children are entitled to have a number of questions answered too: "Father, why your nervous impatience, your sharp words? Why can you not stay at home long enough to really get to know me? Why are you not interested in the things I like to do? Why do you expect things of me that you do not carry out yourself? Mother, why do you have to leave someone else to look after me so much of the time? Why do you and father disagree about me so much of the time? Why do you act so often as though I were not wanted?"

That children need correction Paul does not deny, indeed he urges that it is necessary, but he is concerned about the quality of it. It must not be unreasonable, with undue severity, but must be given in love, and, best of all, by example.

The strains often placed upon children by having to live in a broken or divided home are frequently ruinous to peace of mind and character. In some ways it is fortunate that the greater number of divorces occur in childless homes. A religion that does not draw together parents and children is only theoretical.

May the Lord guide us in the gracious though heavy responsibility He has given us, and make us thoughtful and kind in all our relations with our children.

G. H. Minchin in "Gateway to God"

With the Departments

Growing

LLOYD REILE

Secretary Sabbath School And Radio Departments

A bulletin has just come to the Division office from Brother Apolonio Camarena of the South Mission in Mexico showing that 26 Sabbath schools have been organized in that field thus far in 1954. We praise God for this increase and pray that God will abundantly bless these new schools and their members.

At the time of the 1954 Fall Council a goal was set of 22,000 Sabbath schools with a membership of two million by the time of the 1958 General Conference Session.

At the end of June, 1954 our world Sabbath school membership totaled 1,210,078 in 19,152 Sabbath schools. It will require continued effort and sacrifice if we are to reach this goal. We know that the Sabbath school members in the Inter-American Division will accept the challenge and under God's blessing reach the high goal that has been set.

Our offerings goals have not been reached. In Inter-America our Sabbath school members average about four cents a week in Sabbath school offerings which is less than one-third of the world average. While many of our members are sacrificing, others have not known the blessings that come from sacrificial giving, so we encourage all to prove the Lord and give generously that His work on earth may soon be finished.

If a Bicycle Could Talk

ALBERTA JACOBS

It is not an uncommon sight in San German, Cuba, to see a bicycle going from place to place with an inscription on the back which says, "Escuela Radiopostal, Patrocinio 20, Vibora, Havana." Could this bicycle talk, it would tell of many visits to the homes of interested pupils of the Radio Bible School, and it would also tell of Emilio Torres who at the present time has 272 students for whom he feels personally responsible.

His interest began back in 1951 when a colporteur came to his store in San German. Not knowing that the counter had been recently painted, the colporteur was very displeased to find that his coat had been badly spotted. Emilio Torres offered in a very gentle manner to pay for the damage done. This so impressed the colporteur that he recognized immediately that here was an unusual person, and soon they were talking seriously of Bible themes.

The colporteur offered the Radio Bible lessons to his new-found friend who thought that he already knew the Bible, but upon receiving the first lesson he recognized that his knowledge was very limited. Before that year was over he had finished all three of the courses offered and was convinced of the truth he found in them. He had also begun to offer the courses to others in the city, who had noticed a great change in their friend Torres.

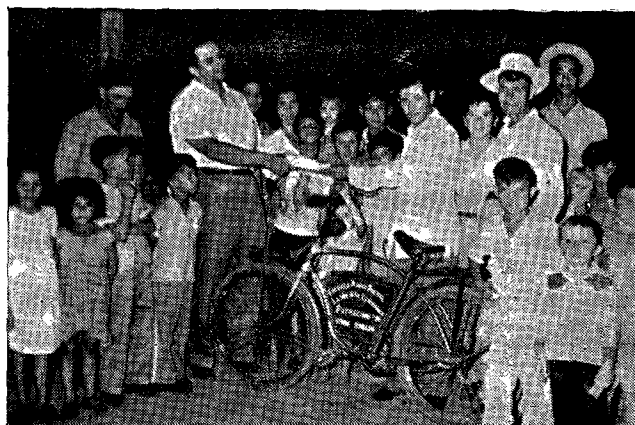
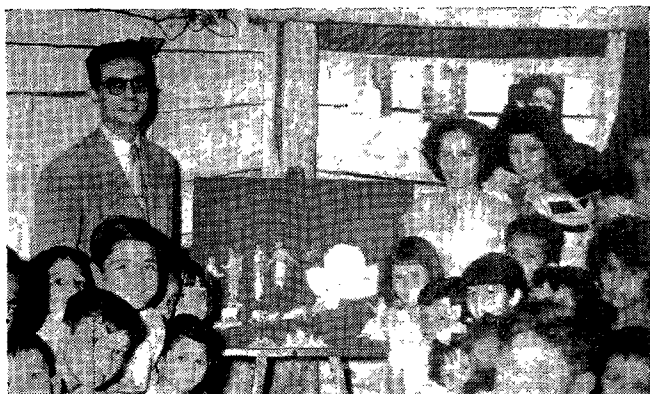
From then on his group of students has increased until he had to buy the bicycle seen below and now he also has two young men who help him visit the interested students, assisting them with their lessons and encouraging them over the hard places. Some have already been baptized and now that a permanent worker, Elder Emilio Girado, Jr., has been sent to take some of the load off the shoulders of Emilio Torres, many more will soon be ready to take the final step into the church. In the picture below he is seen at work with a group of eager children.

Emilio Torres himself has conducted public meetings although he is not yet baptized. He is getting rid of the liquor in his store, and is now closing on the Sabbath and wants to be baptized soon. Such enthusiasm as his is indeed contagious and surely God will still use him in a marked way to finish the work in East Cuba.

The Love Of God

A young mother tucking in her two children before saying good night remarked, "My love is all around you, when I go away, just like these blankets. It's about you all the time, whether you can see me or not."

Surprisingly the five-year-old son followed up with, "And God has a blanket big enough to cover the whole world!" - Mrs. Clarence Hamilton.



A missionary bicycle that brings results.

Around THE UNIONS

Antillian

Baptisms In The Antillian Union January to June, 1954

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| East Cuba | 141 |
| West Cuba | 114 |
| Dominican Republic | 73 |
| Haiti | 345 |
| Puerto Rico | 177 |
| Total | 850 |

The doctors and nurses at the Bella Vista Hospital, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, are not content with the carrying on of their profession only, but are truly medical missionaries and write enthusiastically of the various interests that they are fostering.

On Sabbath afternoons services are being held at the Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Cerro Las Mesas. They also conduct a branch Sabbath school at the Penal Farm on the outskirts of Mayaguez.

Recently a letter was received from a patient who has returned to his home in Oslo, Norway. He was brought to the hospital in a very critical condition from a Norwegian cargo boat which stopped just long enough to transfer this seaman to the coast guard vessel and thence by ambulance to the Bella Vista Hospital. He underwent a serious operation and with the Lord's blessing he was restored to health. During his convalescence he enjoyed the religious services and Bible studies which were given by one of the nurses, and he became very much interested. He enthusiastically writes that he and his wife are studying together the truths of the Third Angel's Message there in Oslo, Norway.

— Florence Hansen.

Religion is meant to be bread for daily use, not cake for special occasions.—Mutual Moments.

The more you learn what to do with yourself, and the more you do for others, the more you will learn to enjoy the abundant life.—Wm. J. H. Boetcker.

Caribbean

South Caribbean Junior Camp

Attention Juniors! We are announcing the first junior camp to be held in the South Caribbean Conference and, incidentally, in the entire Caribbean Union, August 9 - 16, at Camp Cumana."

When MV Secretary, W. W. Thomson, sent this announcement to the societies, he wondered what the response would be, but his curiosity was soon turned into pleasant surprise when the applications began coming in from all sections of the Conference. When the happy day arrived there were 47 juniors ranging in ages from nine to fourteen.

It did not take long for these boys and girls to realize that camp is brimful of activities: nature study, camp craft, hikes, cookout on open fires, swimming, sports, campfire, inspection, fall-in-line - in fact, fun galore.

When the weather did not permit a campfire in the evening we enjoyed "lampfires". They were the highlight of the day for it was then that directors Parchment, Thomson, Manoram, Carrington and district commander Mrs. W. W. Thomson, acted as ideal storytellers.

In the early morning there was a deep, spiritual, devotional period including the Morning Watch and prayer bands. It was heartening to hear those boys and girls pray that God would help them to overcome their bad habits and make them more obedient to their parents and to the ideals of their church.

In a beautiful ceremony seven were baptized and 28 more indicated their desire to join the church by going forward during an impressive service.

This glorious experience has made us feel justified for what has been spent to make Camp Cumana a reality.

— B. L. Archbold.

Central American

God's Railroad Conductor

Brother Ananias Gonzalez, of the San Jose, Costa Rica church, is a conductor on the Pacific Electric Railroad. Recently he was notified that he must work Sabbaths for a month or two during the summer rush session, when extra trains run to accommodate those who travel to the beach.

When Rab-shakeh sent a note of defiance to King Hezekiah, the latter spread it before the Lord and prayed. In the same way Brother Gonzalez spread the Sabbath work order before God in prayer, and asked the entire church to pray without ceasing for him. He then went in before his chief, offering to work any amount of overtime the railroad might require during the six days, but stressing that it would be impossible for him to work Sabbaths, even for a few weeks - even once. He explained as tactfully as possible that it was not his desire to cause them inconvenience, nor was it rebellion on his part. Rather, it was a matter of obedience to God, and obedience is just the opposite of



First Junior Camp
in Caribbean Union.

rebellion. "The same God who commanded 'Thou shalt not kill' and 'Thou shalt not steal' has commanded 'Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy,'" he explained.

"That's just stuff from your Protestant Bible," was the scornful reply.

"Please ask a priest to read Hebrews 4:9 to you from his Bible, where it says, 'There remaineth therefore a keeping of a Sabbath to the people of God,'" replied Brother Gonzalez.

"Better change your mind before next Saturday," warned the irritated chief. "We can't run a railroad your way."

Brother Gonzalez left the office feeling certain he would lose the job he had held for forty years. It had not been easy to be firm; on his small salary he must support his family and pay the expenses of his son who attends our *Colegio Vocacional*. But he had promised the Lord at the beginning of the year that as a church elder he would be more faithful than ever before. Now that this testing time had come he must not fail God and break this promise.

Another railroad official called him into his office. "Why don't you work Saturdays for just a few weeks?" he urged. "I keep Sunday. But when I have to work on Sunday for awhile, why, I just work, that's all. Why should you insist on keeping Saturday when the rest of us don't insist on keeping Sunday?"

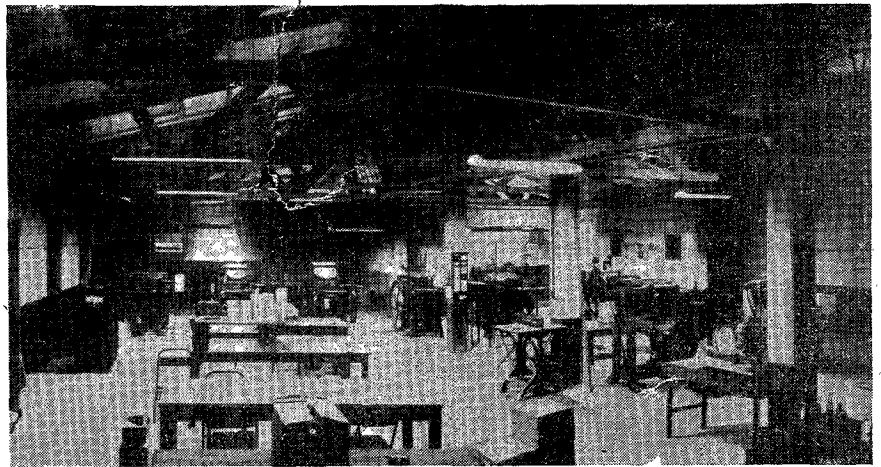
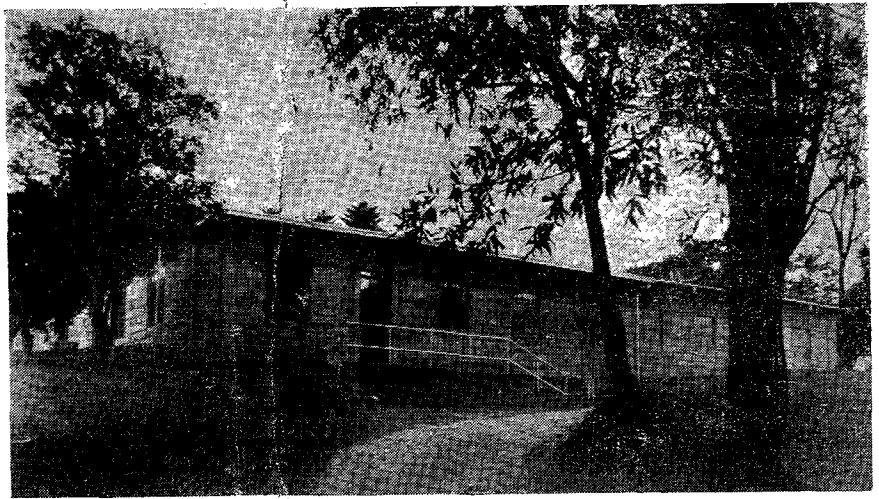
"There is a difference," replied Gonzalez. "I am an Adventist and I must obey the command of God."

The boss tried another argument: "Can't you see how absurd this Sabbath-keeping is?" he asked. "What if everyone in Costa Rica kept Sabbath? The trains couldn't run at all!"

"It would be a beautiful thing if everybody in Costa Rica *did* keep the Sabbath," responded the conductor, "if all regular activities should cease every Sabbath, while the whole country turned to God in fellowship and devotion."

"All right, you can have your Sabbaths. I respect your ideas," decided the chief. Brother Gonzalez left the office rejoicing, and related his experience the following Sabbath in church. He concluded, "The God of Moses, who made a way through the Red Sea, and the God of the three Hebrews, who delivered them from the furnace, still lives."

— Richard Utt.



Exterior and interior of print shop at Colombia-Venezuela Union Training School

Colombia - Venezuela

Layman Prepares More Baptismal Candidates

Heliodoro Salamanca is one of our humble members who had to leave his home in Colombia because of persecution. He settled in one of the most remote parts of our country and there he shared his faith. (When we went to visit him the last part of the trip was made by bus along the crest of the Andes at an altitude of about 10,000 feet. The road was so narrow that on the curves part of the bus was always hanging over empty space; there was barely room on the road for the tires.)

All we knew about Brother Salamanca was that he had a stall in the market where he sold grain. (Next
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Mexican

Unforgettable Experiences

On returning to the office from the Home Missionary Institutes I always bring my brief case full of unforgettable experiences, reminding me of the words of Christ, "If I tell you, ye will not believe."

I think of one of our laymen who was decorated with eight stars for souls won — and he was completely blind!

In one meeting we called the roll and the laymen responded to their names with the number of new converts won by each. We seemed to have a repetition of names and, thinking it was a mistake, I stopped and asked, "Why so many Martinez?" The answer came from a brother on the platform, "There are eight of us
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Inter-American Brevities

★ Reports of the damage done by the hurricane Hazel on the two western peninsulas of Haiti show that the situation is most serious. Elder Ray Jacobs, President of the Antillian Union, writes, "A telegram brought the sad news of the destruction of nearly all our churches in the area and of the death of at least eight of our members. The greatest damage is not the result of the hurricane which hit the island on October 12, but of the flood that has destroyed the crops and left the people with practically nothing to eat. One family of our people living twenty miles from Port-au-Prince had nothing to eat but sugar cane juice until they received aid days later from our mission workers. Thousands are evidently in the same or worse condition. Many had to remain in trees for days where they had climbed out of the reach of the flood waters. The need for help is appalling. Clothing, food, and corrugated iron roofing are suggested as being most urgently required."

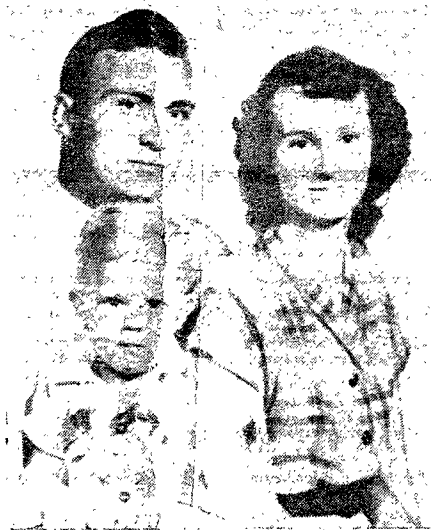
The Relief Committee of the General Conference has ordered 18 tons of dried milk, two tons of clothing, and 2,000 packages of food sent to our brethren in the devastated area. We know our brethren in other countries will gladly help with the rebuilding of their churches.

★ Elder and Mrs. R. S. Blackburn, of Fort Worth, Texas, left New Orleans October 12, going to Jamaica where Elder Blackburn has taken up duties as treasurer of the British West Indies Union Mission.

★ Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kloosterhuis and their son, David John, of Berrien Springs, Michigan, left Miami, October 15, bound for Haiti. Mr. Kloosterhuis, a recent graduate of Emmanuel Missionary College, will be in charge of the industries at the Haitian Seminary in Port-au-Prince.

★ The new nurses' dormitory, Dunscombe Hall, has been completed for the Bella Vista Hospital, and is a source of much joy for the nurses who have long been looking forward to this lovely new home.

The Public Health Service of the



Mr. and Mrs. William Fitch and Donald

Federal Government has approved the plans for the construction of the new mechanical building for the Bella Vista Hospital. This building, costing about \$90,000 will house the laundry, water reservoir, boiler room, water heating equipment, and will supply storage facilities for the hospital.

★ The Antillian Junior College has begun with 170 students present and thirty more have been accepted who will arrive in the near future. Students and teachers are enthusiastic with the prospects of nine months of

interests together. Many of the grounds and rooms have been repainted during the summer thus making the grounds very attractive.

★ The church in Managua, Nicaragua has multiplied its membership five times during the last four years. A fine record for the capital of the country and mission that doubled its membership during the four-year period 1950 - 1954.

★ It was a day of great rejoicing and one to go down in history for the group of believers in San Juan de la Maguana when their new church building was dedicated after ten years of working and sacrificing to reach this goal. Perhaps still more important was the baptism of thirty-four new members on the same day as the dedication.

- G. F. R.

★ Hundreds of people passing to and from their work on the Avenida Steinhart, in Marianao, Cuba, are reading the following words on a large attractive signboard: "Bought for the construction of the Adventist Temple of Marianao." The church in this place has doubled its membership of 1953, and the Sabbath school has three times the members it had twelve months ago.

- G. F. R.

★ Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Griswell Jr. have begun their furlough. He has been serving as the pastor of the Maracaibo church, and on returning will be in the Colombian Islands.

★ From Illinois come Mr. and Mrs. William Fitch and little Donald. He will be teaching in the English mission school in Maracaibo, Venezuela.

★ Elder and Mrs. L. A. Krancer have returned from their furlough to their mission work in Georgetown, British Guiana.

★ Elder and Mrs. B. R. Hamilton of Cuba are spending a short time in Florida where Mrs. Hamilton is receiving medical treatment at the sanitarium in Orlando.

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