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## OUR BLESSED HOPE

"Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance. In Thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in Thy righteousness shall they be exalted. For Thou art the glory of their strength." "Happy is that people whose God is the Lord." Ps. 89:15-17; 144:15.

Never have any people had such occasion for rejoicing as do the people who are today waiting for the return of their Lord from heaven. The promises of God are immutable; it is impossible for them to fail of fulfilment. *Jesus will come according to His promise.*

He will come in this generation which is now drawing near its close. The commandment-keeping people of God are not to be disappointed in their expectations. Long have we waited through the dreary night of sin and woe; but we hear the faithful watchman saying "The morning cometh," "Yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry."

But what will it mean to the people of God to see Jesus come? This will be the most transcendently glorious event ever witnessed by men or angels. It will be the crowning event of all the ages. He will come the second time, not as He came once to suffer and die for sinful men, but in glory ineffable to reign as *King of kings and Lord of lords.*

Although His coming will be attended with power unsurpassed, and with glory unutterable, which the regenerated man longs to behold; yet, it seems to me, this does not constitute the chief attraction; nor does it alone create in the heart the soul-longing that was expressed by the beloved disciple of our Lord in the memorable words with which the New Testament closes, "Even so, Come, Lord Jesus."

O, how we long to see Him! The personal presence of none other than Jesus, who suffered and died on the cruel tree to redeem us from sin and death, will ever fully satisfy the ransomed soul. We want to see the sweet face of the "Man of Sorrows," who was "acquainted with grief," who "was wounded for our transgressions, was bruised for our iniquities," by whose "stripes we are healed." He who is the object of our love, adoration, and worship, is coming to earth to receive His obedient children to Himself; and "we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." Christ blessed the one who shall not only see, but also hear from His lips the words, "Well done thou good and faithful servant." Oh, hail happy day!

But joyful as this will be it does not constitute the full measure of bliss that will be poured into the cup of the righteous in that day of all days. Who has not watched beside the bed of some loved one, dearer than life itself; and, after having rendered all the aid humanly possible in the terrible struggle that has been prolonged, it may be, through weary weeks, months, or even years, with the last and most cruel enemy; finally, with the heart crushed to its breaking, has been compelled to say goodby, to close the eyes, once so beautiful, but now sightless in death, to fold those hands, hitherto tireless in works of mercy and love, across the lifeless breast, and, in grief too deep for expression, to

turn away from the grave that incloses the most precious earthly treasure? How precious then is the promise, thy father, thy mother, thy brother, thy sister, thy husband, thy wife, thy child, "shall live again"!

When Jesus comes, that precious life, till then, "hid with Christ in God," will be given back at the voice of the Life-giver, never again to be wrested from its possessor; but up through the portals of the open grave, in beauty, in glory, in power, in immortality the loved of earth will ascend to meet their glorious Redeemer in the air, and "so shall we ever be with the Lord." Then, oh, then we shall meet and *never part again.* Then "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Our heavenly Father,

"With His own soft hand, will wipe the tears  
From every weeping eye;  
And pains, and groans, and griefs, and fears,  
And death itself shall die."

Not only shall we meet in that glad day the loved of earth—those who were bound to us by the dearest and sweetest and strongest ties of nature, but whom we have lost in death. Other joys still await the righteous—joys that also far outweigh all the fleeting pleasures of earth. Having labored and toiled and prayed and struggled with the enemy of souls to rescue some who were on the brink of destruction, having done all in our power "to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them, which are sanctified," we find a love is awakened in our hearts for them that is akin to that manifested by our blessed Saviour for us when He poured out His soul in agony in the garden, and when on the cross He gave His life a ransom for us.

And the added joy shall be ours of meeting some rescued through our ministry, to whom a kindly word was spoken that helped them to choose the better way, or, in the hour of deepest trials, turned their darkness into light or awakened courage in the heart of the despairing, and helped them to renew the conflict and ultimately win the glorious victory. "Some deed of kindness done, some wanderer sought and won," we shall meet and greet on the eternal shore. In such blessed ministry the time spent, the effort put forth, or the money expended, however great the sacrifice, will then be seen to have been the wisest possible investment.

But the coming of Jesus, with all the joys attending that glorious event, will usher the redeemed into the eternity of bliss that awaits them through the endless cycles of the eternal ages. Joy that will grow deeper with the passing of the millenniums, and bliss that will ever expand,—as, under the training of their great Teacher, they learn more and more of the infinite wisdom, and goodness, and love, and power of God, their Father, and of Jesus, their Saviour,—will ever be the heritage of the saved.

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TITHE PAYING REWARDED

Today two native Dominicans took lunch with us. One was a young man who has just given up his position in the military band in order to keep the Sabbath, and the other, a member of our church whose husband is not an Adventist. During the meal the topic of conversation drifted to tithe paying. The young man told of a trap the devil had set for him. He had his tithe put aside, when one of the members who sells vegetables from house to house, came to collect some money he owed her. He told her that all the money he had was this tithe.

After asking him two or three times that he pay her with that money, he yielded, thinking he could collect money from one of the several persons who owed him; but, when he went out to collect, not one of them was able to pay him one cent; so he could not fulfil his obligations to the Lord. He took this as a manifestation of the Lord's displeasure of spending money that did not belong to him.

My wife then told about a drought that came to the country where her family lived. Her father was an Adventist and paid tithe. His neighbors were not Adventists, and did not pay tithe. Their crops were all growing side by side, on the same kind of soil, and were green and beautiful when the drought struck that section of the country. In a short time the neighbors' crops began to wither and were checked in a marked manner in their growth, while her father's corn and cotton continued to grow in a marvelous way and never withered in the least. It stood there as a mighty monument, telling all who saw it that the Ruler of the universe still opens the windows of heaven to those who love Him and obey His commands.

People came to him for miles around, wanting to know the difference in the crops. Thus he was able to witness for the Saviour, and to tell them that he was serving the God in heaven, who is able to bless beyond measure those who are willing to take Him at His word, and not rob Him of the small part that He has reserved for carrying the gospel to the thousands who are wandering in darkness far away from home, and are longing for some one to show them the way of eternal life.

The sister then told us of a trying experience through which she and her

family had just passed. She is the mother of thirteen children, all too young to do much work. About six months ago her husband took sick, and his pay stopped. He was not able to work again until recently. As they had no money laid aside, they were soon in a pitiable condition financially. They had to sell all the furniture in the house that was salable in order to buy food for the children. Many times the growing youngsters, as well as the father and mother, had to pass the day without anything to eat; and many more days passed with very little to eat.

When they were in the midst of their perplexities and difficulties and knew not which way to turn, or what to do, she was offered some work for which she received \$5.00. This was spent as soon as received, except the tithe. Friday afternoon came, and not a cent was in the house to buy food for Sabbath. She thought of the fifty cents tithe; but said, "No, I can't spend the Lord's money;" so Sabbath dawned on an empty table and many empty stomachs.

As she started to young people's meeting Friday night, her husband asked her for ten cents, but she told him that she could not let him have it, as all the money she had was tithe which belonged to the Lord. Sabbath morning was

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VISIONS OF FUTURE GLORY

"There are revealed in these last days visions of future glory, scenes pictured by the hand of God, and these should be dear to His church. What sustained the Son of God in His betrayal and trial?—He saw of the travail of His soul, and was satisfied. He caught a view of the expanse of eternity, and saw the happiness of those who through His humiliation should receive pardon and everlasting life. He was wounded for their transgressions, bruised for their iniquities. The chastisement of their peace was upon Him, and with His stripes they were healed. His ear caught the shout of the redeemed. He heard the ransomed ones singing the song of Moses and the Lamb.

"We must have a vision of the future and of the blessedness of heaven. Stand on the threshold of eternity, and hear the gracious welcome given to those who in this life have co-operated with Christ, regarding it as a privilege and an honor to suffer for His sake. As they unite with the angels, they cast their crowns at the feet of the Redeemer, exclaiming: 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. . . Honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever.' Rev. 5: 12, 13.

"There the redeemed ones greet those who directed them to the uplifted Saviour. They unite in praising Him who died that human beings might have the life that measures with the life of God. The conflict is over. All tribulation and strife are at an end. Songs of victory fill all heaven as the redeemed stand around the throne of God. All take up the joyful strain, 'Worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and lives again, a triumphant conqueror.'"—*"Testimonies," Vol. VIII, pp. 43, 44.*

bright and beautiful, when this sister went to Sabbath school with her fifty cents tithe, which was dropped in the collection plate.

When she arrived at home after the service, she found that some one had brought enough food, not only for her family, but others were able also, to share in the bounties the Lord had prepared for them; and that very night the Lord had another blessing and surprise for her. Her brother-in-law came to see them. He is very stingy and selfish, and had never given her one cent before, although he had lived in their home, and she had washed and ironed his clothes and done many other things for him for a long time. After talking a while, he gave her six dollars. Thus she received in monetary blessings several times the value of the amount she gave, not mentioning the great spiritual blessing she received in complying with the divine command in paying tithe.

I thought while she was relating her experience, if all our members throughout the world were as faithful as this sister in paying tithe, the Lord's treasury would soon be overflowing with means for carrying the Third Angel's Message to earth's remotest bounds, and soon the Lord would come to put an end to all the trials and sufferings that come to those who are striving to obtain a passport from this world to those glorious mansions above that our Saviour has gone to prepare. Remember this sister when you are tempted to rob the Lord.

BYRD BULLARD.



NOTES FROM THE BAHAMAS

For some time I have been caring for the office, in addition to my regular work. I enjoy it, but would rather be answering some of the calls coming from the out islands.

Our Sabbath school is doing well. The superintendent has a good corp of assistants. Every Monday night they hold teachers' meeting to study the Sabbath school lessons and to plan for the success of the school. The prayer meeting is well attended. A selection from the "Testimonies" generally is read, after which a large majority testify to the power of the Word.

The Sabbath and Sunday services have been mostly along the line of practical living, and there seems to be a steady growth in spirituality. Recently we reorganized the young people's society, and in the last two meetings we have had much better interest.

Brother G. W. Lawrence is still in Long Island, but he expects to open up

the work in Inagua, soon. Brother O. J. Lawrence, wife and baby, left Nassau September 2, to locate in Rock Sound on the island Eleuthera. He writes that he is nicely located and that the outlook is good for the work.

Five persons were baptized here some time ago. Four of these came in as a result of Brother G. W. Lawrence's tent effort. Our health and courage are good.  
W. E. BIDWELL.

CONVENTIONS IN HAITI

Conventions! This word brings to our minds very pleasant memories of three such gatherings held recently in Haiti. We can truly say that the Lord blessed us abundantly, and that His Holy Spirit presided in every meeting. All the different branches of activities have received a new impulse. These conventions were held in three parts of the island, namely: Grande Riviere for the northern part, Petite Riviere for the central, and Port au Prince for the southern.

GRAND RIVIERE

In this first convention were represented eleven churches. Two of our good pioneer workers, Pastors M. N. Isaac and Joseph Blot, gave us their timely help. Their exhortations and counsels found receptive hearts, ready to put into practice what they heard. The help of Pastor W. P. Elliott, director of the mission, and Brethren Apollon, Th. Abel, St. C. Guerrier and Orville Dunn, also contributed greatly to the success of the convention. From the opening sermon to the last meeting, we could feel the presence of heavenly messengers in our midst.

PETITE RIVIERE

To the central and southern parts of the island, I was accompanied by Brother Dunn, director of our school, and Brother M. D. Howard, treasurer of the mission. The four churches in the central section sent a good delegation to the convention. Some of the believers came on foot. They walked from 50 to 60 miles. This certainly showed a good spirit. Great joy filled the hearts of all assembled there. The people of the town were also touched by the Spirit of God, and, as a result of our meetings, many friends have been gained for our cause from among them. Our dear brethren and sisters of Petite Riviere appreciated this visit, and did everything to render our stay with them pleasant.

Pastor J. Baptiste and Brother Henri Saturne assisted in the convention. Their talks touched hearts. During the Friday, Sabbath and Sunday meetings, Brethren O. Dunn, M. D. Howard and

the writer made a strong effort in order to strengthen the Sabbath school, Missionary Volunteer, and Home Missionary lines of our work. With the help of the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy, new light was given to the believers regarding the home, social life, and spiritual growth.

PORT AU PRINCE

With the exception of Jacmel, all the groups and churches of the south were represented at Port au Prince. Here again the power of God was made manifest. All the meetings were well attended. The Lord has intrusted to us in Port au Prince a promising band of youth. This army of young men and women, if well trained and directed, certainly will accomplish a noble work for Christ in that big city and the neighboring places. We all look forward with joy to seeing again the church at Port au Prince which seems to continue to hold its first love for the message. May the Lord help them to maintain that love.

In deep silence the congregation listened to the good sermons of Brother D. Dorsinville, and to the instruction given in all the other services. Many points relating to the general organization of our work, to the Sabbath school, and to the young people's work were discussed.

Brother Howard had occasion, in these churches, to audit the books of the different treasurers, and at the same time to give these officers helpful counsel. Brother Dunn was glad to be able to meet many of our young people, and interest them in our good school at Vaudreuil.

I think that we shall be able to work with greater joy and zeal, for we have a clearer vision of the work; and, we know that our young people and older members have received new life, and a new view of their work as members of the church, of the Sabbath school, and of the young people's society.

Before long, if we are faithful, we

shall all meet at a large convocation where we shall not have to deplore imperfections and weak points. This convention will be held under the Tree of Life, and Jesus, Himself, will be there. As we wait for the return of our Blessed Lord, let us work untiringly for the success of all departments in His work.

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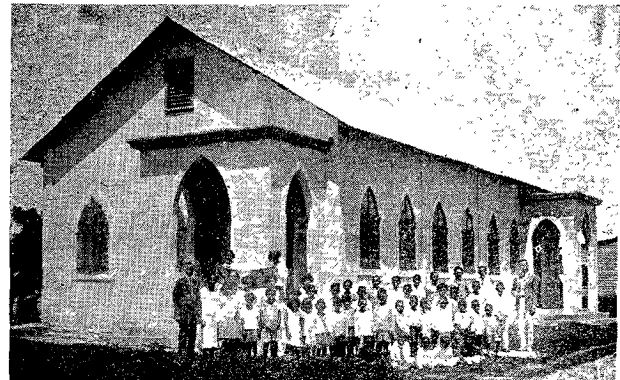
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SEVENTY-THREE IN HONDURAS

Sunday, August 21, it was our privilege to baptize twenty-six in Bonacca, the Bay Islands of Honduras. Most of these were young people. Sabbath, the day preceeding the baptism, we had an impressive service in this, our largest church, when all these young people came forward to sign the covenant. Old, as well as young, consecrated their lives anew to God, and it was inspiring to hear the testimonies of those in the church who had grown gray in this message. The Lord was near, and all left the meetings, determined to live closer to God, as we see the time for His coming drawing near. Elder E. C. Henriques is now in Bonacca following up the work there.

Among those baptized was a Honduranian general with his two daughters. For several years this general has been suffering from wounds inflicted in one of the many wars of this country; but he is now getting better. It was, indeed, inspiring to hear his testimony, and to notice his willingness to accept this blessed truth. One sister, a Sabbath school teacher, had the joy of seeing all the members of her class baptized. The secret of her success seemed to be revealed in the words of a testimony addressed to them, when she said: "I have

Church and church-school at San Pedro de Macoris, Santo Domingo. Brother Moulton writes: "The work here offers a most encouraging outlook in all its phases." We may help bring further success by our prayers.



NEWS ITEMS

prayed for you, even if you did not know it."

The instruction given by Pastors Baxter, Wood, and Sutton, during our workers' meeting in Utila was appreciated by all. Several persons have taken their stand, and have been baptized as a direct result of these meetings.

Our 1927 goal for baptisms in Honduras is 100. Up to date 73 have already been baptized and we are pushing hard to go over our goal.

We have been glad to welcome Brother Fanselau, from Germany, who is taking up the book and home missionary work in this mission.

From Belize comes the good word from Pastor Overstreet of nine baptisms within the last few weeks. Pray for us and the work of God in this field.

E. J. LORNTZ.

THE JOY OF KNOWING JESUS

Shortly after his conversion, General Ordonez, to whom Brother Lomtz refers in another article, wrote Brother Baxter of the joy that was filling his heart. He had held prominent positions in the government affairs in Honduras, but like Paul, he counts all honors, and joys of the world but dross, since he has caught a vision of the Man of Calvary, and found in Jesus a personal Saviour. Here is a portion of the letter:

"Perhaps you will think it strange that I call you 'Brother'; but it is because this morning I have had the honor and the inexpressible satisfaction of being baptized by Brother Lomtz. There were 25 of us baptized, including my two daughters, Graciela and Blanca.

"Great has been the joy we have experienced this day in which we have been born again to enter into life with Jesus. Certainly, it is only when one is given over to the world and to the things of the world, that he cannot see and understand the great wonders embraced in the treasures contained in the divine Word,—the Holy Bible.

"Today I have fixed my eyes on the One who has drawn me out of darkness into light; and I entreat you, with all my soul, to pray for us, that we may be firm, pertinacious and constant in our faith toward Jesus. I am fully convinced, that, in my own strength, I cannot take one step forward toward perfection; but full of faith, and confiding in the precious promises of our Heavenly Father, and in the light, influence and power of the Holy Spirit, I press forward endeavoring to reach the prize which is the unfading crown of glory, that He has prepared for those that wait for Him."

Brother J. E. Shidler, who has just begun a series of meetings in the interior of Panama, writes: "This section of the great harvest field is as needy as any. The people are friendly to the teachings of the Bible. Very few of them have ever read the Scriptures; but they realize that they need something better than what they have. The greatest evil among them is passive indifference. They need the working of the Spirit of God in their hearts to awaken them to a realization of their lost condition, and their need of seeking after God, the Giver of eternal life."

"We have had many heart-aches over the work here in Guatemala," wrote Pastor E. P. Howard, superintendent of that mission, "but every quarter that passes sees improvement. We have been dealing with error in the fear of God, and He certainly has been helping. Truth is coming out on top. When this year ends you will find in Guatemala the largest membership ever, and loyalty to the cause growing with each month. Opportunities in the Spanish work here are many, and you will see a remarkable growth as time passes. I have only words of praise to God for His guiding, leading hand."

Sister Eva Borden has entered work in Guatemala as a self-supporting missionary nurse. She has secured recognition from the government and is permitted to follow her profession throughout the country.

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EXPERIENCES IN ANTIOQUENA

Pastor E. M. Trummer, who is laboring in one of the most strongly Catholic fields in our division, in a recent letter speaks of some of the hardships, and then adds, "we are very thankful to the Lord that He keeps us full of courage and leads us on toward success."

"The people," he continues, "appreciate practical work, such as opening

schools and helping the poorer families to live better healthwise. A number of merchants told me in the Harvest Ingathering work, even last year, that they would send their children if we would open a school; and others have promised financial help. In the small circle about us, there is hardly a day that I am not asked what to do for this or that ailment.

"On one occasion a family was very thankful for my interest in them. Their fifteen-months-old baby had a serious intestinal infection. The doctor had given a number of medicinal remedies; but the little girl kept getting worse. They called me in, and I told them what I would do if she were my child; adding, however, 'But you have your doctor, and I should not want to advise against him.'

"That night, when the life of the little one seemed to be slipping away, the parents decided to try my suggestion. The treatments were given, and the little girl rested better. With careful dieting, and continual treatments, they continued to pray for God's blessings upon them. The following day she passed the crisis favorably, and in three days the parents said joyfully, 'she is a new girl to us.' They had not expected to keep her.

"How much we would be able to do for the people, if we only had a nurse here with us. The people then would get a real vision of what the mission of true Christianity is. Owing to all kinds of vice, physical and moral degeneracy is astoundingly great. How much real schools would do! I trust that when we have a number of Seventh-day Adventist children ready for the school, we can have a teacher for Medellin."

ATLANTIC COLOMBIA

For the first time in the history of this mission our canvassers reports for one month (September) showed \$1,000 worth of books delivered.

Impassable roads have kept Brother Valdés in Sincelejo; but he has been able to rent a hall and hold some meetings. He reports an ever-increasing interest in that town. The Sabbath school there reported for the first time at the end of the third quarter, and sent in over \$28 in offerings. Under the consecrated leadership of Brother Valdés,

THE MOST POPULAR BOOK

Last year the British and Foreign Bible Society circulated over ten million volumes of Scripture. That is the sixth time they have made such a record in one year. The volumes consisted of 1,136,123 complete Bibles, 1,219,997 New Testaments, and 7,771,967 smaller portions of the Book of books. And this is only one of the great publishing houses producing Bibles and portions of Bibles in more than 700 languages. The Book which Ingersoll, in the nineteenth century, declared would be dead in ten years is traveling faster than ever with its message of hope to a perishing world.

the little company is taking its place in our work and letting its light shine in that town where the first of March this year there was not a single Protestant.

Brother Redondo is on another trip in the mission launch to the upper Sinú River. As there is no mail or telegraph service up there, we shall have to wait till he returns for news of his trip.

I have visited Fundación, and found six persons preparing for baptism. Some of these I had not met before. They have begun to keep the Sabbath recently through the home missionary efforts of our members there.

Brother Luis Urbina of San Juan de Cesar recently went to Rio Hacha and took 50 subscriptions to *El Centinela*. He reports a number of persons deeply interested in the truth in various places which he has visited. Due to this list of subscriptions from Brother Urbina and another long list from Brother Zephirin in Cartagena, as well as increased orders from other colporteurs, the number of magazines coming to this mission is again moving upwards. One thing that helps our sales is the custom of our agents to sell from three to seven different numbers at once. We have sold about 500 back numbers in the last two months.

The Harvest Ingathering work has started off nicely this year. The native members in Barranquilla raised about \$40. A firm which gave me \$25 last year gave me \$100 this year. Our receipts on this fund will be considerably more this year than last.

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NOTES FROM THE UNION

Reports throughout the union indicate that a real forward movement is in progress. From the Leeward Islands on the north down through the South Caribbean Conference and into Guiana, the workers all sound a note of courage and are earnestly working toward the attainment of their goals for souls which was set at their respective conference sessions held nearly a year ago.

In two of the several efforts being

conducted in the South Caribbean Conference, special work is being done with the East Indians, and to date the results seem quite encouraging for many of these people are regular attendants. Of course, the final results are not yet known, but we are hoping that many of these people will respond to the light of truth.

Undoubtedly many are anticipating word from Mt. Roraima; and we regret to say that we have had no word from the brethren since the first of July. We must remember that they are back in the interior where there are no postal facilities. We solicit an earnest interest in your prayers that God will richly bless these workers and the Indians among whom they labor. Mrs. R. J. Christian has had to return to Georgetown, and is at present in the hospital expecting to undergo an operation. Again we solicit prayers in her behalf.

Elder C. E. Knight, president of the Guiana Conference, reports pleasing progress on the construction work of the new mission homes being erected in Georgetown. The workers will be very happy for these new buildings where they can protect themselves from mosquitos, and perhaps by this means make their attacks of fever less frequent. Guiana is an extremely unhealthy section and the workers there need our prayers that God may protect them daily.

Students are arriving at the East Caribbean Training School in Trinidad; and construction work is under way on the buildings there. All members of the faculty are on the ground and a night school is now being conducted as an aid to those who are preparing to enter day classes to begin in the near future. The students arriving early are coming for the purpose of working up credits so as to be prepared to enter school on the opening day. We believe them to be a fine class of young people who have a real ambition to qualify themselves for efficient service in the Master's vineyard.

M. A. HOLLISTER.

NEWS ITEMS

Brother M. A. Hollister, in writing about unfavorable health conditions in Guiana, said:

"Brethren Knight, Carter, and Hut-

chinson have all had their turn at malarial fever. The first two of these brethren have had several attacks recently. The wives of all these men have also had their turns. Still none of these workers is uttering a word of complaint."

"I have baptized 62 persons," writes Brother M. H. Lewis, from Barbados "and we are conducting a series of meetings in two parishes where the Seventh day Adventists have never before labored. There is a good interest in each. We need God's strength to satisfy the longing desires of the people who are searching for the last message of mercy."

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ENJOYING HARD THINGS

Although discouragements and hard experiences do come, we surely love our work. It brings such joy to our hearts to see the light break over poor, darkened souls, and to see how the precious truth changes them, and gives them happiness they never before knew. Surely, we are in the grandest work on earth and should not want to be in any other.

This last trip out I had a pleasant experience, which came as a real surprise to me. One of our colporteurs was taken sick; and, becoming a bit discouraged, he went back to his own home town, hoping there to get stronger. Being near his home, I dropped in about noon one week day. I found this brother and found others studying the Bible. He told me later that he holds evening studies with about fifteen, and that he was never so happy before.

ERNEST E. POHLE.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPT.

C. E. Wood - - - - Secretary

THE PRAYER MEETING

What kind of a prayer meeting do you have in your church? Can you almost tell before you go what the program will be? Do the same person

AIRMEN AND THE BIBLE

The Bible was the first book to go across the Atlantic by air in 1919, when Major H. G. Scott of the British dirigible made a round trip from England to United States. And in the recent Dole race from America to the Hawaiian Islands, a pocket Bible was given by the Pacific Agency of the American Bible Society to each of the contestants.

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so, there is need of a reformation—  
reformation that will make this the  
ost interesting meeting of the church.  
This meeting may be made really in-  
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tted to testimonies from the mission-  
ry workers. Let them briefly tell of  
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thers to share in the joy of soul-win-  
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ation to some timid or backward soul  
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omething definite to tell at the Wed-  
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rayer meeting, and then notice if the  
fluence does not radiate to the utter-  
ost part of your district.

C. E. Wood.

alendar is a splendid little missionary.  
Order a quantity for use in your mis-  
sionary work. For 1928 the calendar  
follows "Steps to Christ," and is es-  
pecially helpful to young Christians,  
and especially adaptable for missionary  
work.

Let each of us use more of the 1928  
calendars than we have of those for any  
previous year. Order from your Bible  
House.—Yes, it is a little late to send in  
your order. But better order now, than  
have to look back with regret on an-  
other *lost* opportunity to help ourselves  
and others to live the life worth while.

**SOMETHING FOR YOU**

Yes, the Bible offer will be repeated  
for 1928! To every young person, who  
has not already earned one, a Bible will  
be given, if by the close of 1928 he will  
have earned:

- One Standard of Attainment Certificate.
- Three Bible Year Certificates, and
- One Inter-American Reading Course Certificate.

"Oh, I did not think I would get so  
beautiful a Bible," exclaimed one of the  
Bible winners this year. The certificates  
need not all be earned in one year. But  
every ambitious young person should be  
making advancement along each of these  
three lines every year. The young per-  
son who is acquiring a Bible Year and  
a Reading Course certificate,—yes, and  
seals for his Standard of Attainment  
certificate,—each year, is accumulat-  
ing genuine wealth.

**OUR 1928 READING COURSES**

Reading is one of the most powerful  
influences in the lives of young people.  
It ennobles and elevates or mars and  
ruins character. Therefore, every young  
person, who wishes to make a success  
of life, should *refuse* to read anything  
that will not help him in his efforts to  
build a character worth while. A man

who wants a good house will not allow  
the use of decayed lumber in its con-  
struction; but how much more impor-  
tant that young people should put only  
the best material into their character  
building.

So, my dear young friend, if your are  
in earnest about desiring to make your  
life count in God's great work on earth,  
let me recommend to you the Inter-  
American Missionary Volunteer Reading  
Courses for 1928:

"*Ministry of Healing*," one of the  
books in the senior course, is supremely  
good for young people who desire to be  
missionaries in their own communities,  
and also for home makers who would  
build their homes after the divine pat-  
tern. This book will help you in caring  
for your health, and it will lift you spir-  
itually as you find in its pages a clearer  
vision of the great Master-Teacher in  
daily life and Christian service.

"*In the Land of the Incas*," the other  
book in the senior course, is a thrilling  
mission story. As you read it, I am  
sure, you will feel as if you were follow-  
ing Brother Stahl as he went among the  
Inca Indians with the beautiful story of  
Jesus. The book tells of thousands of  
Indians becoming Christians, of them  
suffering bitter persecution for their Sa-  
viour, and of schools being established  
to teach these Indians the way of life.

The junior course also contains two  
very excellent books: "Life of Joseph  
Bates" and "Strange Peoples and Cust-  
oms." You have heard of Elder Bates,  
one of the first Seventh-day Adventists  
in America, but if you have not read the  
story of his wonderful life, do not fail  
to take the junior reading course for  
1928. "Do you think the boys and girls  
will like it?" I asked one of our work-  
ers who had just finished reading it. "Oh,  
yes, yes," she replied enthusiastically;  
"It is wonderful! It is thrilling!"

And "*Strange Peoples and Customs*"  
is equally good. You will enjoy meeting  
on the pages of this book, boys and girls  
from the different parts of the world.  
You will see how they work and how  
they play. And most of all you will see  
that when the missionaries help them to  
find Jesus, they, too, love and serve  
Him, and rejoice that He is coming  
again soon.

**SENIOR COURSE**

"Ministry of Healing" .....	\$2.25
"In the Land of the Incas" .....	.50

**JUNIOR COURSE**

"Life of Joseph Bates" .....	\$1.25
"Strange Peoples and Customs" .....	.50

NOTE: You will notice that two of these books  
are offered to you at greatly reduced prices.  
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publishing house friends.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPT.  
MRS. E. E. ANDROSS - - Secretary

**THE MORNING WATCH WILL  
HELP YOU**

- To live the life that wins.
- To find true happiness in the every day of life.
- To live so that your life will explain your profession.
- To be more cheerful, more kind, more helpful at home.
- To be a better friend among your friends.
- To keep your tongue from speaking the unkind word, and from leaving the loving word unspoken.
- To have wisdom to see the right, courage to choose it, strength to do it.

Then why not scatter thousands of  
Morning Watch Calendars over the In-  
ter-American Division for 1928? The



A group of believers in  
Tulua, four of whom were  
baptized recently when  
Brethren Nickle and  
Brower visited them. Read  
Brother Nickle's article on  
page eight, and see how  
hungry many in Colombia  
are for the Word of God.  
Let us pray earnestly for  
more laborers.

A certificate will be given to you when you complete the reading of the books in either course. Be sure to notify the society officer in charge of the Reading Course that he may inform the Missionary Volunteer secretary in your field, who will see that a certificate is sent to you.

And a beautiful Bible will be given to you also, if by the close of 1928 you will have earned one Reading Course certificate, one standard of Attainment Certificate, and three Bible Year Certificates." "Oh, I did not think I would get such a lovely Bible," exclaimed one of the young people who reached the Bible goal last year.

the author was a Protestant, and mentioned having bought the book, "Patriarcas y Profetas," which she said was a very fine book. Soon she with her husband decided to buy the new book also. I was very thankful for this experience, because it was a good home, and I remembered that Brother Gil and I had to talk a long time to sell the first book, for these people were very fearful. I believe these books are going to make us friends.

F. W. STEEVES.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPT.  
MRS. E. E. ANDROSS - Secretary

THAT INVESTMENT FUND

Yes, the Investment Fund has grown, and now owns a house in Inter-America, for Brother Bidwell writes from the Bahamas of a brother who has built a house and has dedicated the rent from it to the Investment Fund.

Writing from Guatemala, Sister E. P. Howard says,

"Many have taken hold of this idea with enthusiasm, and I believe they will be faithful in the matter. One brother has a parsley bed that brings good returns. One family has sent in money for this fund from the sale of perfume, of Sabbath eggs, and of fine combs. One brother has dedicated a breadfruit tree to this fund. Others have promised money from fruit trees, from the sale of ashes, paper, ducks, eggs, sewing, etc. My own specialty, to help fill my can, is making things for the neighbors, stuffed prunes in particular."

So we might go on around the circle, for every where the Investment Fund plan is hailed as a splendid invention for coining money for the great mission work that is soon to be finished on earth.

Now is the time to get ready to make 1928 the best year yet in our Sabbath school work. Will you be one to enlist as a 100% member?—a member who will be faithful in daily study of the lesson, in attendance, and in offerings to missions?

Have you enrolled in the 1928 Teachers' Training Course? The course will help you to render better service in your Sabbath school.

Every Sabbath school that plans on doing good work during 1928 should have the *Sabbath School Worker* or the *Auxiliar*.

Sister J. A. Leland, our Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer Secretary in the Antillian Union, says: "In Cuba during the third quarter 28 schools had 100% or more attendance, 11 had 100% in daily lesson study." That is a splendid record!

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT  
J. A. P. GREEN - Secretary

OUR BOOKS SELL THEMSELVES

The Lord helped Brother Gil and me in Tachira to take 37 orders for the Spanish "Ministry of Healing" in eight days. Ten of them were in the best binding. These orders were nearly all from the leading families of that city—lawyers, doctors, dentists, and officials of the government. Due to the very hard financial times, on account of no coffee harvest, we did not have very good success among the business men. We had very little opposition from fanatical people.

The people liked the book, and many who bought "Nuevo Medico" last year bought from us this year. One man who would not buy "Nuevo Medico" last year bought "Ministerio de Curación" this year.

"I was here over an hour last year trying to sell you a book," I said to him. "I like this book better," he replied, "for it treats on religion."

In the bank the manager would not listen to us. When we were about to go out, one of the men at the books said, "Let me see that book." He read a few paragraphs. Then he said, "That is a splendid book, I want one." When he put his name down, the manager called to him and said, "You may put my name down also." The people all used us very kindly and we had many very pleasant experiences with the book.

At another time one of the colporteurs and I showed the book to a man, and about the time we got through the wife called her husband from the bedroom, and told him not to buy it. Shortly she came out, and I gave her a canvass, stressing the chapters on the home. Then she wanted to know if

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IF WE DON'T, WHAT THEN?

The many letters from different parts of the field, asking for pastors and teachers, had collected. We could no longer satisfy the senders with anything short of a visit by somebody, so finally Brother Brower and I started out to see how many of these anxious inquirers we could hunt out in the little villages at the far ends of the rocky mule trains. I shall not attempt a review of the entire six weeks, but will try to give some idea of the way the Lord is opening doors to the message in this part of Colombia.

Arriving on the Sabbath at the little town, Tulua, in the heart of the great Cauca Valley, we were happily surprised to find a room full of people,—about twenty-five of them,—engaged in the study of the Sabbath school lesson. A year before, one of the young men in the company had bought the book, "Our Day," from Brethren Brower and Prado; and, with no other help save that of the Holy Spirit, he was bringing into existence a real Seventh-day Adventist church. Their faces lighted up with joy when they learned who we were; and in their joyous excitement, they would say to one another: "I told you they would come, even if those other missionaries did tell us they wouldn't."

These people had suffered much abuse, both from Catholics and Protestants; but it seems to have served as a stimulant to growth. At the close of the Sabbath school, a little box was passed around for the offerings; and we were informed that as soon as they were baptized, we should have the box and its contents. I am the happy possessor of the box, for we baptized a number before leaving there. It contained \$5.40 for God's cause. To me this was a wonderful expression of faith.

The last evening we were with them, we conducted a meeting, and closed the service in the usual way, but found it difficult to leave. There had been enough folks standing outside to refill the room; and they begged us to continue. So another sermon was delivered, another closing song sung, and the benediction pronounced. We shook hands with the people, and they left the building. But again the room filled with anxious looking people. They took their places just as we used to file into the mess hall for the second or third table in the army. There they were, ready to be served. So what was there for us to do, but break the Bread of Life to this third audience?

This was my first experience of the kind; but it demonstrated to me that these folks are truly "hungering and thirsting after righteousness"; and if we do not deliver the last message, what then? I can assure you that our own souls are being refreshed, as we minister to dear ones who have for so long been waiting.

From the Cauca Valley, we crossed over the Andes Mountains into the upper Magdalena Valley. This was a hard and dangerous trip, both for man and beast, and it required several days to make it. But we were well repaid for our trouble. We found many who had heard a little about the Bible; and they begged us to stop long enough in their town to teach them. But, even away up there at the headwaters of the Magdalena River, there was an entire family keeping the true Sabbath, and teaching their neighbors the Third Angel's Message.

When these folks were baptized, their faces lighted up with a genuine joy which comes only to those who have found the Lord, and know that their salvation is sure. In that place the priest influenced the man who owned the only hotel building in that part of the country, to order the manager to turn us out. The manager, however, said that he would not eject us, no matter what results might follow. He gave us the accommodations desired; and, when we left, he saddled a horse and went a long way with us. Truly the Lord knows how to care for His servants.

Friends, there are many, many more in the hundreds of towns and villages of Colombia who are awaiting the arrival of a teacher. We are doing our best, but pray "the Lord of the harvest" to "send forth laborers."

GEORGE C. NICKLE.

WORD FROM BROTHER BOEHNE

Shortly after leaving Guatemala City to establish the first Indian mission station in Guatemala, Brother Boehne wrote friends of their journey. Here are snatches from his letter that will help you to pray more earnestly for Brother and Sister Boehne in their new work. He wrote in part: "August 29: In looking up the matter of getting our freight from the railroad to Tzanjuju, (Lake Atitlan), I was advised by several in Solola, that by all means I should go *myself* to pay personally the charges, and oversee transportation arrangements. They all agreed it was unsafe to trust anyone else to handle the money for storage, mozos, mules,

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FAREWELL, OLD YEAR

Old Year, must you go? Must we say "Farewell"?  
Swiftly did fade your greeting smile!  
We planned, while you with us did dwell,  
To crowd you full of things worth while;  
But, Old Year, tell me now, I pray  
Just what you are taking away?

We would load you with kindly deeds, Old Year,  
For those in the struggle who fall;  
With loving, faithful toil, Old Year,  
For those who in darkness do call;  
But, Old Year, may we now behold  
What in your tight sealed vault you hold?

Alas, Old Year, with tears our eyes are blind,  
As in bitter regret we grieve . . .  
O'er stinging words and deeds unkind,—  
Lost victories no hand can retrieve.  
Old Year, Old Year, cannot you stay,  
And take the roots of sin away?

Old Year, pray teach us, ere you go away,  
Ne'er to swerve from the chosen goal,  
To keep the world from our hearts away,  
And for Jesus a blood-washed soul.  
Then shall we each be always true,  
Adieu, Old Year, adieu, adieu!

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etc., and attend to transfer of the baggage.  
"This explains why I am here tonight on my way to Coteles where five mozos and five mules are to meet me tomorrow about noon at the railroad station. Secured five mules at \$1 each. They will take 185 to 200 pounds each. This is considerably cheaper than by mozos. Of the 1,365 pounds the mozos will take 400 to 425 and the mules the balance.

"Having plenty of time, I decided to walk down, thus saving a \$2.50 fee for a horse. This will help make up for the storage charges which have been unavoidable.

"August 30—Had a fine day down at Coteles. Everything went off wonderfully smoothly. Paid the jitney truck fifteen pesos for round-trip to depot at Coteles; it was about six miles. Went down early this morning and returned on the last trip this p. m.

"After breakfast, I went to work; with permission of agent, I weighed and marked each separate box and bundle. Uncrated the organ.

"September 1st.—All my freight has been loaded on the ferryboat. I certainly am glad. It weighs 1,388 pounds. Can easily haul it in the Ford in three loads from ferry to the mission farm.

"I certainly am happy the way the Lord is helping, and I am so happy for the wonderful outlook and prospects that are ours, as my wife

and I go forward endeavoring faithfully to do our best in opening up this first mission station for the Indians of Guatemala."

GETTING READY FOR THE NEW YEAR

The best way to begin the new year is to finish up the old year right. Have you been taking inventory? Have you been looking back to compare your records for the swift flying months with the plans drafted for them in the good New Year's resolutions that you made about a year ago? Do you see some failures along the way? Can you look underneath and see just why you failed? Are you willing to pay the price of removing every cause for failure for which you are responsible?

Upon your answer to the last question will depend your success in life. The Christian life is progressive. Each day we should see new victories to gain—new conquests of self to make. How good God is to give us so much time for conquering, by His grace, the land that lies within these incorrigible hearts of ours. So many failures we make that at times we will nigh despair; but in tender love the heavenly Father bends over us, and His gentle whisper, "Try again, my child," helps us to press on with new zeal. Surely, if His courage holds out, ours should not fail; for He will give us success if we will let Him.

Friend, what is your all absorbing thought as 1927 is slipping away? The wheels of time turn not back. We cannot retrieve the past. However, he who will may learn lessons from 1927 before it slips away that will make him a true workman for the Master through 1928, if God grants him life for service.

Then let us not lower our aim for 1928; but let us discipline these hearts and hands and feet of ours. Each day let us make first things first. Whatever resolutions you may make let the first to be made and the last to be broken be: Build under this resolution each day a solid foundation of unhurried prayer, diligent Bible study, and loving service. If you and I will be true to this one resolution, "Take time to be holy," other resolutions worthwhile cannot be broken.

"Resolved, That I will take time to be holy."

We very much regret that we must part with Brother and Sister D. D. Fitch, and "Mother" Fitch, who sailed for California on the S. S. *Mongolia*, December 1. For many years these faithful workers have toiled in various parts of the Inter-American Division; but the illness of Brother Fitch made it imperative for them to return to the homeland. We pray that God may restore Brother Fitch to health again, and continue to bless these fellow-workers abundantly wherever they may serve.

All will be glad to hear that just as this paper goes to press, word has come telling of the safe arrival of Brother and Sister Cott at Mount Roraima. We thank God for bringing them safely to their destination, and for helping them to press on courageously in spite of obstacles that beggar description. Let us pray earnestly every day for our two Indian missions.