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Good News from the World Fields

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Eighty-five years ago, on October 22, our Great High Priest entered the Holy of holies in the heavenly temple, "the judgment was set and the books were opened." The message proclaiming "the hour of His judgment is come" was heard for the first time by men and women who must appear before the judgment seat of Christ; the Great Second Advent Movement was fairly launched, and from that day to this the three-fold Message of Revelation 14 has been reverberating through the earth, calling men and women everywhere to prepare to meet their God.

As the signs of the approaching end have thickened about us, it has become more and more evident that the Holy Spirit is working with mighty power upon the hearts of the multitudes, awakening them to the necessity of preparing for the great event that is so soon to take place,—the close of probation and the coming of Jesus.

The past few years have been especially marked by the developments that have taken place in mission lands in the preparation of multitudes for the reception of the last Message of mercy. Each Autumn Council has been distinguished by reports, coming from the representatives of the mission fields from all over the world, of the wonderful working of divine Providence and the turning of the hearts of men and women everywhere towards the light of God's last Message. The delegates attending the Autumn Council that was held at Columbus, Ohio, September 24 to October 1, listened to reports from the representatives of the various mission divisions of the world that were perhaps more thrilling than anything that ever before had been presented.

Pastor W. T. Barlett was present at the Autumn Council and brought to us a message from East Africa that was most encouraging. For many years our work has been established in that field, but hitherto it has moved forward slowly. Now, however, it is very evident that the Spirit of the Lord is moving upon the hearts of many of the native people, and our missionaries are beginning to reap a rich harvest of fruit from the seed that had been sown in former years,

and also from parts where our foreign missionaries had never labored. From the Far East, from India and Burma, from other sections of Africa, especially from British East Central Africa where literally thousands are coming to the light of this Message, from the jungles of the Amazon in South America where Sabbath schools are now being held in buildings that were formerly used as heathen temples and where the Message has penetrated the dense darkness of that land far beyond the knowledge of our missionaries until recently when the territory was first visited by them—yes, from practically every corner of the earth the cheering report of progress was heard.

It is true that difficulties such as we have not known before are now having to be met by our missionaries, but these heroes of the cross are finding that God can remove all obstacles to the advancement of His work, that "He has means for the removal of every difficulty that those who serve Him and respect the means He employs, may be delivered. His goodness and love are infinite and His covenant unalterable."

It was most encouraging to witness the response that came from the delegates at the council when they cheerfully voted a substantial increase in the appropriations to be made to the mission divisions of the world for 1930. It is very evident that the end is rapidly approaching, that this work in all the world is soon to be finished.

One of the most cheering reports to which we listened at the Autumn Council was that given by the statistical secretary, Brother H. E. Rogers. This report revealed a net increase in the church membership for the year of 11,299, bringing it up to 285,293. During the past twelve years the membership of the denomination has more than doubled. The total amount of tithes and offerings for all lines of evangelistic work during 1928 was \$12,271,753.60, which represents an increase over the preceding year of \$326,938.58.

During 1928 sixty-eight new languages were added to the number in which this Message is now being proclaimed to the world, bringing the total number of languages up to 347.

A New Year Prayer

O Thou God of the rolling seasons, I thank Thee for Thy mercies to me during the past year. There has not been an hour or a moment of it which has not brought me tokens of Thy care and kindness. Assist me now to bring thy transactions, in which I have been engaged, in solemn review before my conscience. Though the record of them is fast wasting away from the treacherous tablet of my memory, yet they are written, as with a pen of iron, on the books of Thy remembrance. . . .

Lord, I desire to enter the coming year feeling the solemn responsibilities of human life. Assist me, I beseech Thee, to discharge aright all the duties that lie before me. Make me understand the uncertainty of time, the worth of my soul, the multiplied interests of my fellow-travelers, and the righteous claims of Thy service. Make me watchful against the many dangers to which I am exposed. Strengthen my love to Thee; deepen my conviction of sin; animate my desire after holiness; increase my spirit of prayer; enlarge my benevolence, and lead me in Thine own way, for Thy name's sake. . . .

Lord, make this opening year, a year of the right hand of the Most High. Pour the healing balm of peace on all the bleeding wounds of Thy church. Spread over her the spotless mantle of purity. Invigorate her by the reviving power of truth. Awaken her to renewed efforts in doing good. O may these months stand forth in the history of redemption as precious seasons of refreshing from Thy holy and life-giving presence.
—James Weir.

This means that on an average one new language was added to the list every 5.38 days. This is surely a wonderful achievement. It could never be accomplished by any human agency. It is the result of the working of God's mighty Spirit through His chosen instrumentalities.

The appropriations made to the fields for 1930, including the special appropriations, amounted to a little over five million dollars. This is by far the largest budget that has ever been voted by this denomination for mission work. It is marked evidence of the fact that God is moving upon the hearts of His people everywhere and that this Message is soon to be finished. Every advance move that is made, every new field that is entered, calls for larger and more sacrificial giving on the part of God's people, but we have the blessed assurance as we give freely of that which God has given to us, that He will open the windows of heaven and pour upon us richer blessings than we have ever yet received.

Balboa, Canal Zone.

TO THE BRETHREN AND SISTERS

No. 2

With such a prospect as this before us, such a glorious hope, such a redemption that Christ has purchased for us by His own blood, shall we hold our peace? Shall we not praise God, even with a loud voice, as the disciples did when Jesus rode into Jerusalem? Is not our prospect far more glorious than theirs was? Who dare then forbid us glorifying God, even with a loud voice, when we have such a hope, big with immortality and full of glory? We have tasted of the powers of the world to come, and long for more. My whole being cries out after the living God, and I shall not be satisfied until I am filled with all His fulness.

The way to heaven is rugged. Briers and thorns are in the way; but we can with cheerfulness tread the rough pathway, knowing that Jesus, the King of glory, once trod it before us.

We will rejoice that we can follow in His footsteps, and be partakers with Him of His sufferings, that we may finally partake of His glory.

What if reproaches are heaped upon me, even by those who profess to be looking for the Lord? What if falsehoods are kept in circulation by "whosoever loveth a lie" made ready to their hands. All this I can bear cheerfully. Why should I repine? My Master, the King of glory, was treated a thousand times worse than I have been, and can I, a poor, unworthy creature, expect any better treatment in following Jesus, than He received? Shall I complain, when Jesus bore the scoff and derision of His

own people, the Jews, and was finally rejected and crucified by them for me? For my sins He bore all this. No, I will not complain; I will rather rejoice and be exceeding glad that I am accounted worthy to suffer for Christ's sake, that my reward may be in heaven. Only let me have an inheritance in glory, and it will be enough. For that, I can endure anything and everything. Heaven, sweet heaven—

"I long to be there, and the thought that 'tis near
Makes me almost impatient for Christ to appear,
And fit up that dwelling of glory so rare—
The earth robed in beauty—I long to be there."

Let us, dear brethren and sisters, crave the suffering, crucifying part of religion; for we are to be purified and fitted for the kingdom through suffering. We must keep separate from the world, if we would have the love of God abide with us. As soon as we begin to be conformed to this world, just so soon God's spirit begins to depart from us. But if we keep humble, live holy, harmless and separate from sinners we shall see of the salvation of God. Let us strive to be Christians (Christlike) in every sense of the word, and let our dress, conversation and actions preach that Christ is formed within, the hope of glory, and that we are looking for that blessed hope and glorious appearing of Jesus. Let us show to those around us, that this world is not our home, that we are pilgrims and strangers here.

My affections, interest, treasure, all are in the bright world to come. I long to see the King in His beauty, whom angels adore, and as they bow, cast their glittering crowns before Him, and then touch their golden harps,—and fill all heaven with their rich music.

Let those who break God's law and teach others to do so, denounce us as fallen from grace because we keep all ten of His immutable precepts; it will not harm us. We have the satisfaction of knowing, that while they curse, Jesus has pronounced a blessing. Says the true Witness, the only Begotten of the Father, "Blessed are they that do His (the Father's) commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Rev. 22:14.

Think ye that the commandment-keepers will be sorry, and mourn when the pearly gates of the Golden City of God are swung back upon their glittering hinges, and they are welcomed in? No, never. They will then rejoice, that they are not under the bondage of the law, but that they have kept God's law, and therefore free from it. They will have right to the tree of life, a right to its healing leaves. They will hear the lovely voice of Jesus, richer than any music that ever fell on mortal ear, saying, "There will be no more sorrow, pain or death; sighing and crying have fled away."

"Our eyes shall then, with rapture,
The Saviour's face behold,
Our feet, no more diverted,
Shall walk the streets of gold;
Our ears shall hear with transport
The hosts celestial sing,
Our tongue shall chant the glory
Of our immortal King."

—Mrs. E. G. White in "Review and Herald," June 10, 1852.

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AN APPEAL FROM THE BAHAMA ISLANDS

On Wednesday evening, September 25 the members of our church in Nassau, Bahama Islands, were unable to venture out of their homes to attend prayer meeting. The little island on which they live was in the throes of a howling, devastating hurricane—the worst in the history of these islands to which a hurricane is not uncommon.

As the storm worked its ravages during the seventy-two hours of its duration, homes and churches, large and small, were swept down before its mighty gusts. Vegetation was destroyed. Ships were torn from their mooring to be thrown onto the rocks. The sea swept inland, leaving destruction and driving boats and debris far from normal bounds. Lives were snuffed out by the water and by falling timbers. A beautiful isle was left a place of desolation.

Though none of our people were numbered among the dead, they were among those who suffered. A few were left homeless, while many more had parts of their homes torn away by the howling, screaming winds.

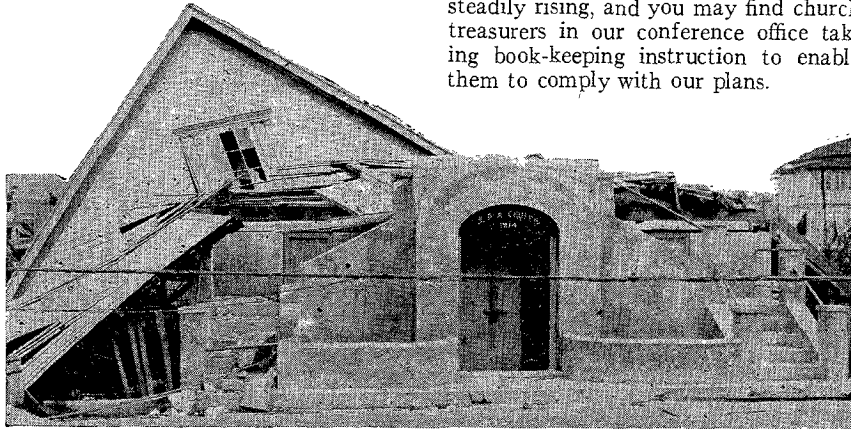
But worst of all and that which brought the greatest grief to our people was the destruction of their church building. Imagine one of them, after the storm had worked its great hardships upon him or upon her, asking of the first passer-by who had ventured forth "How is our church?" only to be told "your church is demolished!" They had hoped that at least the house of God might have been spared to them. Or imagine others so eager to know of the safety of their house of worship that before the storm had spent its last gusts of fury, they ventured forth stumbling and plodding against an unearthly wind only to find that where once stood a chapel, beautiful to their hearts, now lay only a heap of ruins.

Picture them again on the following prayer meeting evening huddled into the ruins of the basement of the church that had once been so neat a sanctuary to them, offering praises to God for their spared lives and for the privilege of

again meeting with fellow members—even giving thanks that this damp basement with its crumbling walls had been spared so that they might meet in it temporarily.

Brethren and sisters throughout the division, we need your prayers and your support now more than ever before. We as workers are lifting our voices along with others in thanking our Maker for sparing our lives that we may carry forward our work for Him. And we know that we can depend upon our people in all parts to do what they can for us in our emergency, in prayers and in giving of their means. HARRY E. BEDDOE.

Nassau, Bahamas.



This is the way the beautiful church in Nassau looked when the hurricane abated

JAMAICA

I have been in this island a little over a year, and feel that in my years of connection with this work, I have never seen manifest movings of the Holy Spirit as they have been witnessed here. Not in miracles, as men usually understand the term, yet truly miraculous has been the development of the work. The upspringing of new companies is so rapid that it is almost bewildering, for with our small staff of workers we are absolutely unable to keep pace with the calls for ministerial help to complete the work begun by the lay members scattered through the island.

In Kingston alone, a new church has just been organized with a Sabbath school of over sixty members. A harvest festival program was given last week to raise funds for the purchase of land for a meeting place of yet another Sabbath school of recent growth, having thirty-two members. On the mountains just above the city three new companies have sprung up into being and are asking for help; and at Spanish town, twelve miles west of Kingston, are also three new companies that are asking for help.

When we go around the island to visit the churches, at no point will the

meeting place hold the great audience that gathers to hear us. Pastor Powell felt that he was entering poor territory when, a short time ago, he went to take charge of a certain district. There seemed to be no work to take charge of. But scarcely had he arrived when he found it impossible to compass the work. Companies seemed to spring out of nowhere. Now, he is asking for help. What can we do?

Surely, the Lord is urging us on to some policy of aggression and church building which we have not yet known. Our funds in every department are increasing, bringing stability to our treasury. So willing and anxious are our churches to cooperate that each goal is steadily rising, and you may find church treasurers in our conference office taking book-keeping instruction to enable them to comply with our plans.

Our Big Week this year demonstrated the value of closer supervision of the churches. We appointed certain office workers and others to act as adjutants to the ministers in charge of their circuits, and during the campaign to work with the churches. We used such as are acquainted with our canvassing work, and our Big Week returns increased from \$166, last year, to \$748 plus. We are adopting the same plan with the Harvest Ingathering work, which is now in process. In eleven days, Pastor B. A. Meeker and the writer received about \$1,000 from the Chinese shopkeepers, and we still have one half of the island to work. Our college held field days, and collected over \$250. Our churches have taken hold with much enthusiasm, and we hope to reach our goal of \$6,250.

Through the Sabbath school overflow of last December we have been able to assist in the completion of eleven church buildings, and we have three now in course of construction. But we need about forty. We desire to enlist the prayers of the good MESSENGER readers. We are near the end of this great work, and the Lord is showing His hand to cut it short. We desire to live so close to Him that He may use us to the fullest and highest of all His purposes, and then

take us home when the work is done.

HERBERT J. EDMED.

Kingston, Jamaica.

ON THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

We recently witnessed a very touching and inspiring scene, when Missionary Knight buried in the briny ocean five dear souls who had decided to follow their Lord and Master in the blessed rite of baptism. One dear old sister, who was unable to walk, was carried to the water's edge in a rocking chair, baptized and carried back home as quickly as possible. Although affected in body, she is well spiritually and is rejoicing in the Lord.

Our church membership on these islands now stands at twenty-five. And our Sabbath school membership is on the continual increase. We solicit your help for carrying on a greater work on these islands. FRANK FLETCHER.

Cayman Brac.

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A NEW MISSION IN GUATEMALA

As we go forward in our pioneer work in establishing a new mission near Solola, it is very clear to us that our loving heavenly Father is sending His angels before us to make the necessary provision; and as we face difficult situations, lo we find He has provided the help needed.

One of the first tasks before us in starting this new mission was to provide water. There is a spring in a deep ravine back of our mission, but the proposition of lifting water from this spring seemed rather expensive, even if we were able to secure permission to use it. The municipality of Solola laid claim to this spring, which is part of the source of supply for the town; and, while we would be permitted to use the water under certain conditions, we would be under their jurisdiction as long as they depended upon their present system of water supply.

Brother Cadelario Riuz of San Salvador assisted me in putting up our building and in sinking a well to a depth of 105 feet, when we decided it was too laborious and slow to try to go deeper with only a hand windlass. So we left the work on the well for a time and continued our carpentry work, to wait until some of our brethren from Guatemala City could come out and advise us as to what we should do about it.

When the brethren came, they brought Brother Larrabee with them. We believe the Lord sent Brother Larrabee,

for he knew just how to go ahead with the well, and assembled much of the needed equipment so that the hoisting could be done by motor power from my ford.

We were in the midst of our work on the well when Brother Lima and his family came, which was about the middle of January. The house we planned to rent for him was not available so the only thing to do was for him to "camp out" until we could provide a place for them. We kept hard at work on the well, when one day in February we reached a depth of about 122 feet, and the worker down in the well called up to us, "My feet are in water." How cheering this was to us after we had been digging in that hard, dry volcanic gravel for so long. At a depth of 127 feet, we were forced to cease digging, as the water entered so fast from some inexhaustible source that we could not make any headway. Many times while waiting at the bottom of the shaft for the return of the dirt conveyor, I had lifted my heart in silent prayer to God to give a sufficient supply of good, pure water for the mission. My prayer was answered and now we have all the water we shall need as long as the mission stands.

Our next duty was to erect a small but suitable house for Brother and Sister Lima, so that they could be sheltered before the rainy season began. As soon as they were located in their new home, they started out in missionary work among the people. Day after day they went from house to house, helping the needy, treating the sick, and giving them the light of this blessed truth. This was the first seed-sowing from this mission post, and I am sure God will cause some seed to lodge in good and honest hearts. Of course, it is too soon to see any fruit, but each day as they go out in this work, they win new friends. They have been very successful in caring for the sick, though neither have had the opportunity of receiving training in any of our institutions. Brother Lima speaks Spanish, also one of the dialects used in the northern part of this country. Of course, they meet opposition; the evil one and his followers are abroad in this land as well as in other parts of the world. Some of the people are *muy bravo* (much vexed) and will not receive them with kindness at all. Some seem to resent anyone coming into this section wearing clothes different from the native costume. Some living on the main pathways where Brother and Sister Lima frequently pass, have threatened to have the authorities put a stop to their work. Such threats, we believe arise as a result of the people being universally under the control of the dominant church.

The conditions under which this In-

dian mission was begun are quite different to any other I have known. Usually a call comes for a school, a teacher, or a medical worker from the chief or some of the people; but here it seems that God looked down upon this poor, needy, oppressed race, and seeing none that had aroused from their stupor from the drink evil or from the slavery of the dominant church enough to desire someone to come among them and help them, He put in our hearts the willingness to come in advance of their call because of the fact that time is short and many among them must be saved. Many of these people have splendid traits of character, and we know the Lord would have a goodly number of this ancient race saved in the kingdom. Our daily prayer is that He will cause some of their number

Go Forward

God's word to Israel, now as at the sea,
Is, "Forward go, not trusting self, but Me."
The work is great, but He is greater still,
And victory comes to him who does God's will.
Go forward! There's inspiration in this word
That once so deeply heart of Israel stirred.
Our Promised Land, too, lies beyond a sea,
That must be crossed by us before that we
Like Moses and his host, can sing that song
To which our hearts have all aspired so long.
Go forward! Doors stand everywhere ajar
As onward moves Truth's conquering car;
This is no time to falter, or to yield
A single acre of our world-wide field.
Go forward then, for victory is sure;
The word and oath of God make it secure.
Then let the cost to us be what it may,
We'll onward press the upward, forward way
Until at last we hear our Captain say:
"The battle's o'er, the victory is won;
Come, enter My joy, faithful servants, well done."

Washington, D. C.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

to grasp the reality of eternal riches, life everlasting, and a true conception of what God is about to do for this old world, and go back to their own tribe and give the Message with power in their own language. I have faith to believe that our prayers will be as fully answered as when I prayed day after day from the bottom of the well shaft for an abundance of pure water. He hears all our prayers for the living water to be poured out upon these depressed Indian people and ultimately the windows of heaven will be opened and we shall have such a blessing that we shall not be able to receive it.

We are busy now sawing timber for the proposed tank house, a work of no small proportion. Several hundred posts are already cut and laid out to season. Later they will receive the necessary preservative with which they must be treated to give them sufficient endurance. A good fence about the mission is one of our urgent needs. This year we planted several fruit trees, and the nursery of apple tree cuttings planted last

year is sending forth buds and leaves. There is quite a bit of finishing work to be done on the two buildings, but this work is waiting the right opportunity. Gradually more and more of the tract of land set aside for the mission is being cleared of underbrush and undesirable trees. Test gardens of various kinds have been planted.

We love our work here, and are happy that it is our privilege to establish a new mission for the Lord among the Indians of this place J. E. BOEHNE.

Solola, Guatemala.

THREE-FOURTHS IN FIRST WEEK

The San José Seventh-day Adventist church in conjunction with La Academia Adventista launched their Harvest In-gathering Campaign Monday, Sept. 23. The members were divided into four groups and the city into four sections. Each group was assigned a goal of five hundred colones, or one fourth of the entire church goal of two thousand colones. Pastor C. B. Sutton, our mission superintendent, who is one of the few who had a part in the first Harvest In-gathering launched by this people, was with us and aided in the work in a strong way.

Enthusiasm was added by checking up on the different bands at the close of each day's work. On Sabbath morning all the money was brought in, and the total reached 1,639 colones. So a little more than three-fourths of the entire goal was in hand at the close of the first week of work, an average of more than \$13.00 each for the entire church membership. The smallest offering received was two and one-fourth cents gold and the largest \$62.50 gold.

Among the offerings received were two aluminum salt shakers, given by one who styled himself an infidel, six pairs of rubber shoe-soles, two rolls of art leather, and a dozen note-books. All felt well repaid for the efforts put forth and rejoiced in the measure of success which the Lord had granted. It seems certain that the church goal will not only be reached but passed.

W. H. WINELAND.

San José, Costa Rica.

AT THE PANAMA ENGLISH CHURCH

On Sunday night, Sept. 29, a large company gathered in our Panama church to witness a baptismal service. There were five candidates. Among them was a blind man from the government institution at Corozal. He is the second man in that institution who has accepted the truth this year. The visiting band of the home missionary society is doing a good work there, and the prospects for the future are hopeful.

How important that as we work for others we heed this instruction by Paul, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." May the Lord help us each to do this.

A. A. GRIZZLE.

Panama City, Panama.

SALVADOR

Pastor W. A. Lusk, superintendent of the Salvador Mission, in a personal letter says:

"We have definite plans for a church school here in San Salvador. The desks will be made of kerosene boxes for economy. In Armenia we are planning to have another, and in a place near the Guatemalan frontier in a valley where there is no school, a brother who lives there has offered to put up, or at least help to put up a building on his land if we will send some one to teach his children and those of his neighbors.

"A short time ago I received word from the union office that they are inviting a family to come and do self-supporting work at La Loma, where we have a little *finca* (farm) and houses. They will probably establish a school and dispensary there."

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ONWARD THROUGH PERSECUTION

Last month we heard about a great interest in the Bible in several towns near the Antioquian and Caldensian border. We were also told that they wanted some gospel literature, so Brother Anderson and I left for that region which is two days by horseback from Medellin. Upon our arrival we were made very welcome and the first evening we had 30 attentive listeners to a talk on God's power and the love of Christ. After a meeting of two hours, they still lingered, though many had to go several miles to their homes in the mountains. Only the promise of two meetings the next day made them willing to depart.

But the next day brought a strange surprise. The mayor had us call at his office, and we were forbidden to do any manner of teaching or to sell books. This was a great disappointment to the people for they had had only an occasional visit from a Bible colporteur about three years ago, who had aided them in the study of the Bible. Already there are more than forty families in that region who have declared themselves Protestants.

But although we were not permitted to teach the Bible, we had a signal victory in the office of the mayor. Having invited two of the leading Protestant citizens to go with us, we discussed our rights, pro and con, for two hours. Both halls had been filled with people,

and others pressed hard against the windows to hear what was going on. All seemed to favor us, at least there was no discording sound. When the police saw that we were preaching to the crowd, they immediately drove the hearers out of the office.

We visited among the people the following days. Soon our visits brought us to another town where we had a study with half a dozen interested ones. Here we saw the only copy of our books, "Our Day," which the owner appreciated very much.

Word had gone before us to the third town where another 40 to 50 families are breaking away from Catholicism. The mayor forbade us to teach there also although one of his committee is a Protestant. But we had several meetings in a large settlement near by. There we were met by about twenty persons who wanted a meeting as soon as we were off our horses. In the evening eighty dear people gathered to hear the gospel story. They had decided to leave the national church, and had their own cemetery ready and were finishing the construction of a school, which will also be used for their meetings.

Again we were forbidden under fine to continue meetings; and when the police were ordered to lead us out of the

enemy's hindrances will only make the victory more glorious.

E. M. TRUMMER.

Medellin, Colombia.

ATLANTIC COLOMBIA

We are glad to report that progress is seen in the work in this part of the field. The Lord is going before us in a marked way. A letter just received from one of the new Sabbath-keepers in Carmen, says that there are six keeping the Sabbath there. Last month I said there were three, so we see that the work is growing. He also says that the village priest is doing what he can to have people refuse employment to our new brother, but he says he is not discouraged for that.

I have just returned from a visit to our banana zone. About two months ago, Brother and Sister Castro went to live in Aracataca, where we had never done any work, nor had any believers. When I visited them I found seven new Sabbath-keepers, besides a family which had heard the truth in Fundación and is now obedient. These are all rejoicing in the truth, and doing what they can to bring it to others and I am sure that soon there will be others who will unite



First fruits of the recent evangelistic effort in the capital of Colombia

town territory, many bade us goodbye in tears. We assured them by faith that we would soon return.

Though I had received full guarantees from the departmental government to carry on my work, the local authorities took matters into their own hands and explained the laws to suit themselves. Please pray for us that the work of the Lord may have free course. (Acts 4: 24-30). I believe the Master has a great work in this region where there are already more than one hundred families calling for more of God's Word, and the

with them in keeping the commandments of God. Brother Castro supports himself by laboring with his hands, but his greatest desire is to see souls won to the Lord. In Fundación I had hoped to baptize two young men, but they were both sick, requiring hospital care.

After visiting these places, I returned to Ciénaga, where I found eight new Sabbath-keepers. Some years ago some one, probably either Brother Steeves or Brother Brower, sold a copy of "Our Day" to Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart. They read it and were convinced in their

hearts that the Sabbath was the day to be observed. They were already Christians. About two years ago a friend told me of them, and I went to call on them. Mrs. Lockhart was not in the house at the moment, but had told her husband on leaving, that she felt that something good was going to happen to them that day. After a short visit with him I went away. Later I returned and found her at home. When she met me at the door, she asked me if I were the messenger of the Lord who had called that morning. I had a good visit with them. They had many questions to ask, especially about the Sabbath. They were convinced of the truth, and began to keep the Sabbath. Soon after that, Mr. Lockhart died, firmly believing the truth.

Sister Lockhart has been the only Sabbath-keeper in Ciénaga for nearly two years. Recently her daughter gave her heart to the Lord, and joined her mother. Then Brethren Eduardo Coronado and Luis Arrazabal have been in Ciénaga, and others have learned the truth from them and are keeping the Sabbath. I held a number of meetings there. These were well attended, and the prospects are favorable for a good work to be done. Needless to say, Sister Lockhart is rejoicing in the Lord that others have united with her in obeying this precious truth.

Writing from Magangué, Brother Luis Urbina says:

"I have not yet worked the town, so I do not know what will be the attitude of my customers here, but by what one of them told me when I disembarked, I see that the Lord has blessed my former labor. This man on seeing me said he was glad to see me and that he was very well satisfied with 'Our Day' which I had sold him, and asked me the favor to sell him a Bible, and if I had other books on the same subjects, to show them to him, because he desired further information. I showed him 'Conflicto' which he ordered. He also bought a Bible, a 'Porvenir Descifrado,' 'Buscando la Senda,' 'Camino a Cristo,' and 'Cartilla Sagrada.' He informed me that as a result of reading 'Our Day' he is keeping the Sabbath, together with his family, and is acquainting his neighbors with this truth. This man lives in a town on the banks of the river San Jorge. I have sold to four customers who had bought 'Our Day,' 'Conflicto' and 'Patriarcas.'"

E. W. THURBER.

Barranquilla, Colombia.

MARIA AND PANCHITA

Maria is one of our young missionaries. Besides her regular work she goes out to visit the people and sell literature. Last week as she passed by a certain store where she has been trying to interest the owner in religion, he invited her to come in. He asked her if she really felt as she looked, for she always has a smile on her face. He also wanted to know if she really believed what she professed. He told her that he was in great perplexity at times, and deeply

wished that he could go about smiling as she did. Then she explained to him the reason why she could smile when things go wrong. He promised to attend our meetings.

Panchita, one of our canvassers, has been confined to her bed and unable to do anything for some time. I gave her the Harvest Ingathering paper and a solicitor's card and from her bedside she has collected about \$6.25 for missions. She is careful in paying her tithe even on the eggs that her hen lays.

A young man who was living at Panchita's home became interested in the truth. At first he did not want any one to know that he was interested, so he would stand outside the window to listen. But now he attends regularly. He has a print shop and has offered Panchita work as soon as she gets well. But she tells him that she wants to canvass and tell others about the truth. Surely the gospel is touching many hearts in Venezuela.

ANA HANSEN.

Caracas, Venezuela.

The Largest Room in the World

"The largest room in the world," some one has said, "is the room for improvement." It is also a very interesting room, because it has something of value to offer to almost everybody. The stenographer looks into this room, and finds that which will increase her speed and accuracy; the book-keeper looks in and decides to improve his efficiency and his prospects for advancement by taking a course in higher accountancy; the collector selects a course in Christian salesmanship; the Sabbath-school teacher picks out a course in religious education; the wide-awake minister seeks a better foundation for his knowledge of the Bible by taking a course in New Testament Greek; while the Bible worker is interested in the wide range of advanced Bible courses offered, and hardly knows which to take first.

So the good work goes on. There is a never-ending stream of forward-looking men and women who turn their backs on things of less importance in order to provide that which makes for growth and development along higher lines. There are some ninety odd courses to select from, and the cost need not be more than eight shillings, or \$2.00 a month. All that is needed is a sensible program that provides for the pleasant utilization of a portion of your leisure time. Budget your time as well as your salary. The teacher's helpful suggestions, the textbooks, and lesson outlines come to your door. The Fireside Correspondence School is your school because it offers you an education that is adapted to your needs and within your reach. It is your room for improvement. Let us send you our catalog and our new leaflet that tells how to make something out of one's evenings.

M. E. OLSEN, President of the
Fireside Correspondence School.

Takoma Park, D. C.

BETTER THAN 100 SERMONS

Not long ago we were very much troubled to receive a letter from Sister Trummer telling us that Brother Trummer was away on a trip in the interior of Colombia and that she could get no word from him. Finally Brethren Baasch and Green decided to go to see if they

could locate him. When Brother Green returned to the division office a few weeks ago, he had a very thrilling experience to relate of their trip.

After a most trying journey over the mountains of Colombia, part of the time afoot and part of the time on muleback, they reached the little town where it was reported that Brother Trummer had been attacked by a mob. There they found Brother Trummer still alive, but suffering from several bad cuts and bruises. He had been preaching in that town, and at the close of the meeting a mob tried to kill him on his way to the place where he was staying. One of the men drew his revolver and was about to shoot Brother Trummer, when a man, who had listened to Brother Trummer's sermon and who was convinced that his message was the truth, rushed up and wrung the revolver from the man's hand. By that time the police force came and dispersed the mob, while the friendly man helped Brother Trummer to escape.

When Brother Green and Brother Baasch reached that place they were told that the priest had forbidden the people to give them food or lodging or even water. They were also warned to leave the town immediately or their lives would be endangered. Unable to get any horses or other means of transportation they were forced to walk to the next town. There they stopped for about three days and taught the people. Many were greatly interested in the truth and begged the workers to return, and teach them more about it. These people had become tired of the Catholic yoke and had declared themselves no longer in its clutches. They had built a school house, provided their own cemetery, and were seeking to learn more of the right way. Before leaving that place sixty families promised to obey the Lord and keep His commandments.

Slowly our brethren made their way back to the union headquarters, stopping at each little town and sowing some seeds of truth. They found many honest in heart who are thirsting for the light of the gospel.

While we are sorry that such trying experiences come to our workers in some places, still we feel that the Lord will work all out to His glory. Word received recently tells us that Brother Trummer is recovering from the strain through which he passed, and that he believes that experience will do more good than a hundred sermons, because it will reach more people than he himself could ever have reached. Such is the spirit that our missionaries are putting into their work, as they enter the dark corners of Colombia and other parts of our division. May we each be faithful in our task of helping to spread the gospel until all the honest souls in Inter-America shall have learned of the Saviour's love.

Balboa, C. Z. SALLIE J. JENKINS.

LIKES THE CENTINELA

One of my *Centinela* customers sells potatoes in the market here in Bucaramanga. Besides getting the new *Centinela* each month, he has bought several old ones. One day I sold him three old copies and about two days later when I was passing through the market, he said: "Don't you have any more *Centinelas*?" I believe if the *Centinela* were a daily, he would reach for his ten cents when he saw me coming with it. The other day he asked again for some *Centinelas*, so I took him the Harvest Ingathering paper and a few copies of the mission readings and tied them up in a roll and gave them to him. It seems that he cannot get enough reading matter.

Another young man to whom I have been selling the *Centinela* has promised to subscribe for the *Signs of the Times*. Sometimes although they like the paper it takes a long time to get them to make their decision to renew their subscriptions, and I have made as many as five trips before getting their renewals for another year. Surely, the Lord has some souls among these people.

MRS. C. G. CHRISTIANSEN.

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IN THE LEEWARD ISLANDS

It is a few months since I passed out from the portals of the East Caribbean Training College to labor for precious souls in the Leeward Islands Conference. I am one of the first to leave the doors of that institution to fill my place in "the furrow of the world's great need." In company with Pastor Cole, our conference president, and Brother J. Davis, I landed on the island of St. Kitts. Pastor Cole sent me on to a district called Sandy Point about ten miles from Basseterre. There I began holding meetings in a hall. After two weeks, four took their stand for the truth. I organized a Sabbath school of six persons and remained for some time instructing them for the rite of baptism.

Owing to the urgent need of help over in the island of Montserrat, the committee asked me to go there. I found Pastor Reid with his hands full. A new church of fifty members has been raised up at Kin Sale, about half a mile from Plymouth. There is also a church of eighty-six members at Friths, four miles from Plymouth. I am laboring at present in this district. I have held a few meetings and although the rain hindered and the roads were muddy, a man and his wife have accepted the truth and are

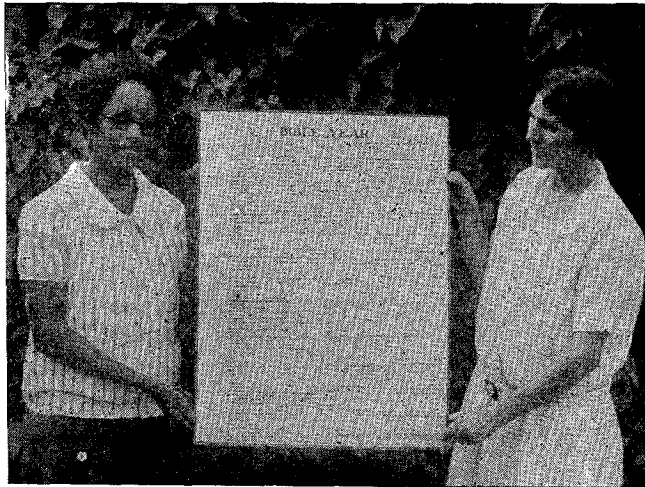
faithful. I am visiting some interested ones, and hope to see them take their stand later.

The island of Dominica is calling loudly for help, therefore the committee has asked me to endeavor to build up the work there. I shall be sailing on the earliest boat for that field. Pray that the Lord will bless the work in the Leeward Islands Conference, and that many souls may be brought into the light of the blessed Message we love so well.

RUPERT M. THOMPSON.

Plymouth, Montserrat.

with Pastor C. E. Andross, the president of the South Caribbean Conference, presiding, thirty-seven of those baptized were received into the church at Tunapuna, the remaining number joining nearby churches. The tabernacle, which has a seating capacity of 650, was well filled during this meeting. After the impressive service of extending the right-hand of fellowship to these new believers, many of them spoke to the congregation on "Why I am a Seventh-day Adventist." One of these stated that he was acquainted, up to a short time ago, with



Mrs. C. E. Andross and Miss Gladys McAlpine, leader and assistant leader of the Port of Spain (Trinidad) Missionary Volunteer society, holding their Bible Year chart which shows how faithfully the young people in that society are pursuing their course in the Book of books



PRESSING INTO THE FOLD

You have read something of the tabernacle effort conducted in Tunapuna, Trinidad, by Evangelist C. A. Coon and his associates. It was with more than ordinary pleasure that on Sunday morning, September 22, about six hundred believers and friends witnessed the baptism of forty-two candidates which were for the most part the first fruits of this effort. The baptism took place in a stream adjoining the Caribbean Training College property in the Maracas Valley, about five miles from the tabernacle. Nature seemed to lend itself to the beauty and solemnity of the scene as these forty-two persons were led into the watery grave by Pastors C. E. Andross and Benjamin Yip. And surely as they arose to walk in newness of life, the believers, who were gathered on both sides of the stream, were impressed anew with the significance of the occasion.

The Lord has blessed Brother and Sister Coon and their associates greatly in their efforts to win souls in that section of this island field. The truths for this time were presented once, but interest continued so strong that another series of meetings soon followed, and even now after this baptism, another series of meetings in the same place is planned to begin in about two weeks.

The evening following the baptism,

every person in the town, and earnestly appealed to former friends and associates to abandon their lives of sin and walk in the ways of truth and righteousness.

The fruitage from this effort continues to mature. Those preparing definitely for baptism within another six weeks number about twenty, with prospects of an additional group before the end of the year.

With this recent baptism of forty-two the number baptized this year in the South Caribbean Conference amounts to 174, and prospects are good that the total baptisms for the year will exceed the 300 mark. Let us pray earnestly that the Lord will continue to bless the faithful efforts of His laborers in the harvest field.

M. D. HOWARD.

Port of Spain, Trinidad.

YOUR PRAYERS SOLICITED

We are living in the day when we can expect the greatest things from God which have ever been experienced. At the close of six weeks' evangelistic effort in Tunapuna, we are happy to report that God has made bare His holy arm. Hundreds have flocked to the tabernacle night after night, and in spite of the threatening rain, there has been an average attendance of 600 each night.

One hundred fifty signed the covenant to keep the Bible Sabbath and scores of others are on the point of decision.

It makes us rejoice to see the large group of young people who have taken their stand for Christ. These young people are not afraid to stand stiffly for the truth in the face of opposition. Many Bibles have been placed in the hands of the people and they are diligently searching to "see if these things are so." The Spirit of God is impressing deeply on their hearts the importance of obeying God and keeping His commandments. We earnestly solicit your prayers for these dear souls who have been born into the kingdom of God, and for the multitudes in the valley of decision.

C. A. COON.

Port of Spain, Trinidad.

THE NEW SCHOOL

For years our people in the East Caribbean Union, numbering more than four thousand, waited for a school for the training of their young people. This school is now established and is doing good work. There are about 70 or more young people in attendance. Professor L. H. Gardiner writes as follows:

"As to the spiritual condition here, I must say that the Lord is leading as I never saw Him lead before. People around this school feel that the school and all connected with it are wonderful. They come to us with their sick, and with their sores, feeling that we have some special power. Some are just begging us to teach them the Bible. A man asked me yesterday if I would not let one of the boys come and give Bible lessons in his home. He is a Roman Catholic, but says he wants to know the Bible. They are coming to us all the time to be taught the 'way of life' and our students are doing their best to teach them the truth."

Pastor C. E. Knight, president of the Guiana Conference, speaking of the influence of the school upon some of the young people from that field, writes as follows:

"A couple of our students were back in Georgetown during vacation, and one of them was asked to do some visiting among the members of two nearby churches and meet with them on the Sabbath. It was a good experience for him. I have had some good letters from our students and they are enjoying a real Christian experience that is encouraging."

In a recent letter from Pastor J. M. Cole, of the Leeward Islands, we glean the following interesting paragraph:

"I am glad to tell you that all our workers are pulling together and we expect to see great progress made this year. Brother Lowry is putting three more canvassers into the field. There is a spirit in all our churches to do more with our small books and papers. The work in Nevis and Montserrat is moving onward. Montserrat is very encouraging. About 17 have decided to obey the truth at a little place where our office workers have been holding meetings. I am planning on going to visit the little island, Dominica, to spend about two months. With the blessings of God we hope we'll see something done."

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PRAYING FOR SOULS

Brother and Sister Torres are young people up in Mexico who have learned the art of soul-winning. Brother Moon gives us this picture of their unselfish ministry:

"Soon after they moved to Iguala, Guerrero, Sister Torres was left alone for several months with her two children, while her husband traveled into the interior for several hundred miles.

"Everything was new to Sister Torres, and she felt very lonesome and sad. There were no other Seventh-day Adventists at that place. This cloud of despondency she could not throw off. But she began to pray to God more and more for the people about her, who were dying in sin. She prayed that God would help her to raise up an interest at that place. Her prayers have been wonderfully answered. There are at present 47 who are taking studies and many of them are now keeping the Sabbath as a result of her work. Interest also has sprung up in Coyuca, Naranjo, Santa Rosa and a number of other places.

"Some interesting things have happened showing how the Lord is working on the hearts of these humble people. Brother Baltazar Rodriguez, a practitioner of medicine who had opposed us for nine years, accepted the truth recently and began to defend it among the Protestants where he had been a member for years and a helper of the minister. This man invited a friend from another town to attend the Bible studies. When they came near the house where the studies were held, he exclaimed: 'This is the very house that I saw in my dreams last night. This is very interesting.' He heard the study and then said: 'We have no room left to escape from the truth. I will make all of my arrangements at once to keep the Sabbath.'

"The brother-in-law of Brother Rodriguez went to Santa Rosa to visit the Baptist congregation at that place. Being a good Baptist, he exhorted them to keep Sunday faithfully. The congregation then told him that the seventh-day Sabbath was the right day to keep and not Sunday. He could not answer the people, and so came back and looked up his brother-in-law. He found him, and related his experience, not knowing that his brother-in-law had accepted the Sabbath truth. This brother then took him and said: 'I want to take you to a place where they are teaching the truths of the Bible.' This was the next day and he said: 'This is strange for only last night I had a dream that some one had invited me to attend a new church in this town.' He went and became interested in the truth.

"Another case of a brother who was also a Baptist, and lives in Naranjo a nearby town. In April he received a copy of the *Señales* and the tract, 'Who Changed the Sabbath?' He read the literature and began to keep the Sabbath. Every one said that he was crazy as he let all of his workers rest as well as his oxen. They told him that no one else in Iguala nor any other place kept that day. He only had a copy of the New Testament so went to a Catholic family and looked up Exodus 20. This only confirmed him the more in his belief.

"When Daniel Molina, the man in question, met our worker soon after this, he thought he was a Sunday keeper. 'You keep Sunday,' Brother Molina began, 'but I keep the seventh-day Sabbath according to the Bible. If you can prove to me from the Bible only, that I should keep Sunday, I will do so, but mind you, only from the Bible.' So our worker said, 'Very well, let us study the Bible over this question.' So they did, and as they studied, Brother Molina saw he was not visiting with a Sunday

keeper. His face lighted up with joy. 'Brother,' he exclaimed, and then they prayed together to the God whose Sabbath they both revered.

(Signed) "C. E. Moon."

A NEW DAY IN MEXICO

When reading with pleasure of the great success of our brethren with our literature in new countries like Colombia and Venezuela, I have often said that they are now enjoying what Mexico did twenty years ago. But a new day is coming to this revolution-torn country, and for this we are thankful and take courage.

At one time in some places conditions got so bad that it was practically impossible to have reasonable success with the large books, so our assistant field man, V. M. Calvo, decided to do what he could with our missionary paper, *El Centinela*. He surprised himself with the number of subscriptions which he was able to obtain. Since that time a year or so ago, he, with the help of the Lord, has developed a canvass that is well nigh invincible.

Recently we have been holding several institutes for the benefits of new workers and also for lay members, desiring to do missionary work with the paper. One held in Tuxpan, Vera Cruz, has produced good results by enlarging the list of subscribers. Since the institute we also have two men who are selling books and three or more who are putting in good time with the magazines.

The government has started a campaign against alcohol recently, and thousands of our special temperance number have been distributed with the help of a letter of recommendation from the Minister of Education to all authorities in the country. Some of these authorities in turn have given us good letters recommending our work to minor officials. As the time approaches for a new temperance number of the *Centinela*, we are approaching the officials with a proposition to take several thousand of the edition to distribute, as well as inviting the most influential in the government to contribute articles to this special number, as they have repeatedly offered their cooperation in our work.

After the close of an institute in Mexico City, Brother Calvo went to Toluca, capital of the State of Mexico. On the national holiday he went out with the two colporteurs. Noticing a crowd at the palace; he learned that the President was there to seat the new governor. He pressed in also at the end of the line and saluted the new governor, wishing him every good thing, and then presented his prospectus, got his subscription, as well as a letter of recommendation to all the officials under him in that State.

We feel that the Lord is blessing in a special way in the use of this paper, and

that more people are now reading the Third Angel's Message than ever before. As there are so many of the poorer class in this country who cannot buy our larger books, perhaps the Lord wants them now to have the Message through the *Centinela*. We hope to reach a goal of 10,000 subscriptions soon. Mexico is now at the head of the list of fields using the *Centinela*; and the Lake Mission has the honor at this moment of having the largest list of subscribers of any field in the Inter-American Division.

As the Pacific Press now has supplied us with a crying need, a small medical book for the masses at a low price, some of our men are pushing its sale, although the large book is also being placed in the hands of those who can afford it. Religious books like, "Patriarchs and Prophets" and "Our Day," are also being sold with success. A new day has come to Mexico, and we hope for even better things.

H. A. B. ROBINSON.
Mexico City, D. F., Mexico.

SEVERAL NEW COMPANIES

Next year we ought to see a good growth in the work in all lines with the corp of workers we now have. One thing that holds back the advancement of the work here is that there are not men to answer all the calls from places where there are interests.

Last year, in November, one of our colporteurs entered the Bible work so that he could attend to an interest in a town to the south of here. Now he has eight companies in that district, and if we were to permit him to go to more places, there would be as many more new companies. During the month of September my husband sent him to visit a company in a town on the coast. He raised up these believers one time when he had gone there to wait for a boat to answer a call farther north. This time when he went back, he has not only visited that company but reports companies in three new places.

Sometimes I feel as though I should like to break away from the office work and go out and help prepare interested souls for baptism, but of course, I must stay right here and send books and keep things going when my husband is away. I usually do a little Bible work here in the city. At present I am giving studies to a hatter and his fiancée. They are both keeping the Sabbath and paying tithe and attending meetings.

MRS. MYRTLE POHLE.
Guadalajara, Mexico.

"Life is full of holy duties,
If but rightly understood;
And the wrongs and the abuses
Are but stepping stones to good."

GATHERING IN THE HIGHWAYS

Brother Rodriguez, our worker in the state of Oaxaca, writes:

"Last week I spent a few days with our brethren in Las Sedas, giving further instruction and encouragement to our new believers in preparation for their baptism. Brother Gaitán, one of our believers, had moved, and I felt called to go to visit him in the hope of finding new believers and being able to raise up a new company for God.

"The Lord arranged it so that I met and traveled with a government official, a civil engineer, on a special mission for President Portes Gil. I told this official something of my work and of our Message, opening some of the Bible truths to him. Thus we became good friends and soon arrived together at the town where the municipal president, or mayor, received us very cordially. After the official had completed his business, I presented my credentials as a minister together with letters of recommendation from government authorities. These letters with the recommendation from the government official who had arrived with me seemed to impress greatly the municipal president; and he asked if I would be willing to give a lecture to the municipal officers and force together with the principal people of the town if he would call them together. I gladly agreed to do so and accordingly he called together the people and I spoke to them in the parlor of the municipal president's home.

"Beginning with the anti-alcoholic and temperance campaign sponsored by the President Portes Gil, I explained the great need of such reforms in Mexico from a health, moral, and financial standpoint. Then telling them something of our health principles in diet, sanitary living, and simple precautionary measures against disease, I led up to the ideal home life.

"After touching upon the proper attitude of love, respect, and protection for wife and mother by her husband, which the matrimonial bond is supposed to insure, and also on the obedience of children, I showed that all is based upon the law of God which we must obey if we are to have real homes here and an eternal home in the new earth.

"All seemed greatly pleased with the meeting, and I arranged to visit many of their homes teaching them simple treatments, prevention for diseases, and our truth. Besides this I held public meetings in a home, and at each service the house was filled to its capacity and overflowing. I had arrived Tuesday and by the following Sabbath, I was able to cover the soon coming of Christ, prophecies of Daniel 2 and 7, creation, the Sabbath, and the law of God. With this instruction I organized the interested ones into a Sabbath school appointing our brother from Las Sedas, Pablo Gaitán, as superintendent, and the principal of the town school, Mr. Ireneo Lopez, as the secretary.

"Sabbath afternoon I showed them how to conduct a missionary meeting. I had to leave them Sunday, but I left with them our series of twenty-eight Bible studies which will provide them good instruction during my absence. I am grateful to God to have been permitted to sow the heavenly seed in so short a time and, by His grace, to be able to raise up such a splendid company. All glory to Him. I plan to return to that place very soon and give more instruction and encouragement to these liberated souls."

Brother Rodriguez adds that he has since visited again the general of that division of the government troops, studying with him the truth; and he says that the general is much interested. He has also visited again the government official whom he met and traveled with. He not only studied the truth with him from the Protestant Bible but also from the Catholic Bible; and this official is

so much interested that Brother Rodriguez thinks he will soon be a member of our church.

J. B. NELSON.

Orizaba, Mexico.

WITH OUR DEPARTMENTS OPENING THE DOORS

Last May one of three new soldiers, who enrolled in the glorious file of colporteurs, arrived at the Guatemala office. He came from Antigua ready to start; but he had to wait until the others came. So as we could not leave for the country, we determined to take subscriptions for *El Centinela* in the city. Rich blessings awaited us. In three days we took 23 subscriptions, and the new colporteur was very, very much encouraged.

Soon after the other colporteurs arrived, we were on the train for Zacapa, where we were to work. Although we thought that the book had not been sold there before, we found that many had it already. But arming ourselves with faith, we continued to take orders. The Lord gave us about 40 orders in eight days, even though the city is not large. We expect other blessings for our hour of delivery.

The people here speak of our faith with entire liberty and seem eager to read the book and to meditate on its message. Our book is the powerful, irresistible "*Nuestro Siglo*," champion of the light of our time, and with every order we include the *Centinela* for one year. This place is filled with our books, and the people are ready to open their doors to us. Oh, that they may in the same way open their hearts to the eternal Father, is my prayer.

ALEJANDRO SAMAYOA.
Guatemala City, Guatemala.

EATING TO THE GLORY OF GOD

"Eating has much to do with religion. The spiritual experience is greatly affected by the way in which the stomach is treated. Eating and drinking in accordance with the laws of health promote virtuous actions. But if the stomach is abused by habits that have no foundation in nature, Satan takes advantage of the wrong that has been done, and uses the stomach as an enemy of righteousness, creating a disturbance which affects the entire being. Sacred things are not appreciated. Spiritual zeal diminishes. Peace of mind is lost. There is dissension, strife, and discord. Impatient words are spoken, and unkind deeds are done; dishonest practices are followed, and anger is manifested,—and all because the nerves of the brain are disturbed by the abuse heaped on the stomach."—"*Counsels on Health*," pp. 577, 578.

"To keep the body in a healthy condition, to develop its strength, that every part of the living machinery may act harmoniously, should be the first study of our life. To neglect the body is to neglect the mind. It cannot be to the glory of God for His children to have sickly bodies or dwarfed minds. To indulge the taste at the expense of health is a wicked abuse of the senses. Those who engage in any species of intemperance, either in eating or drinking, waste their physical energies and weaken moral power. They will feel the retribution which follows the transgression of physical law."—*Testimonies*, Vol. III, p. 486.

"The health of the body is to be regarded as essential for growth in grace and the acquirement of an even temper. If the stomach is not properly cared for, the formation of an upright, moral character will be hindered. The brain and nerves are in sympathy with the stomach. Erroneous eating and drinking result in erroneous thinking and acting."—*Counsels on Health*, p. 134.

"In order to render to God perfect service, you must have clear conceptions of his requirements. You should use the most simple food, prepared in the most simple manner, that the fine nerves of the brain be not weakened, benumbed, or paralyzed, making it impossible for you to discern sacred things, and to value the atonement, the cleansing blood of Christ, as of priceless worth."—*Testimonies*, Vol. II, p. 46.

"If the stomach is not properly cared for, the formation of an upright, moral character will be hindered. The brain and nerves are in sympathy with the stomach. Erroneous eating and drinking result in erroneous thinking and acting. All are now being tested and proved. We have been baptized into Christ, and if we will act our part separating from everything that would drag us down and make us what we ought not to be, there will be given us strength to grow up into Christ, who is our living head, and we shall see the salvation of God."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 160.

"God requires the body to be rendered a living sacrifice to Him, not a dead or a dying sacrifice. . . . He tells us that our body is the temple of the Holy Ghost; and He requires us to take care of this temple, that it may be a fit habitation for His Spirit. The apostle Paul gives us this admonition: 'Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.' 1 Cor. 6:19, 20. All should be very careful to preserve the body in the best condition of health, that they may render to God perfect service, and do their duty in the family and in society."—*Counsels on Health*, p. 121.

A MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER'S SOLILOQUY

Here are some of my reasons for enrolling in the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course:

The books have been carefully selected. They contain information on important subjects, of which I cannot afford to be ignorant. The Spirit of Prophecy says that "mental culture is what we as a people need." I wish to know how the heroes of the Cross in "Great Controversy" met their discouragements and seized their opportunities. This will help me in my daily life. I want to catch some of their earnestness and enthusiasm, and learn from them how to be a better missionary. The book, "In the Land of Pagodas" will also be very helpful. I know this systematic reading will help me to know better how to improve the talents God gives me. Reading these books will teach me a good lesson in perseverance and thoroughness; and without these, I can never hope to succeed. I cannot afford to miss this rare opportunity for self-improvement, so I am determined to be one of the hundreds of young people who will be found in the reading circle this year.

Now let me tell you how I shall find time for this reading:

By careful planning, I can do my work in less time. I have set apart twenty minutes each evening for this reading. I shall place a Reading Course book, with my Bible, in a convenient place, so that when a spare moment comes unexpectedly, I can improve it.

And this is how I plan to do thorough work:

I will read prayerfully. Luther said: "Prayer is the better half of study." I will try to read with a note-book and pencil at hand, so as to jot down things that are especially helpful. I will try to give the gist of each chapter immediately after reading. From each chapter I will draw some personal lesson. Then occasionally, as I go about my work, I will think over what I have read.

ASSIGNMENTS FROM "THE SOUL-WINNING SABBATH SCHOOL"

Chapter 6: The Sabbath School Superintendent.

1. What spiritual qualifications should a superintendent possess? What other ones?
2. Should a superintendent be obstinate and headstrong in his dealings with his helpers?
3. With what features of the school should a superintendent be familiar?
4. Who is largely responsible for the success or failure of a school? Where can he get ideas and help in his work?
5. What matters should receive the attention of the superintendent between his election and the first session of the school in the new term?
6. How would you describe a growing superintendent?

Chapter 7: The Sabbath School Secretary.

1. What will insure success on the part of the secretary?
2. What are the principal duties of the secretary?
3. Of what should mention be made in the secretary's report? Is it well to give the numbers of the songs that were sung?
4. What comparison is there between the work of the Sabbath school secretary and a newspaper reporter?

5. What is the best time to write a report?
6. When in the program should the reading of the report come? Where should the secretary sit until that time?
7. By what means may the secretary make sure that all present will hear and understand every word of his report?
8. When should the supplies be passed to the teachers? The papers given to the children?
9. How is it that there is always a 100 percent attendance on the first Sabbath of the quarter?
10. About how often does a quarter have fourteen Sabbaths?
11. How does one determine the total attendance of a Sabbath School?
12. How soon may a newcomer be enrolled as a member of a school?
13. What responsibility has a school toward members who are dropped or absent?
14. Who should write the names on the class record cards? When?
15. Who should keep a record of the attendance and offerings of division officers?
16. Is a home division member counted a visitor when he attends Sabbath school?
17. What supplies are furnished home division members?
18. Who should take care of all Sabbath school money? When should this be turned over to him, if possible?
19. Who determines the use of Sabbath school expense money? Who looks after the supplies? What are the advantages of standing orders for supplies?
20. What are the duties of the assistant secretary?

THE FIVE MINISTRIES

1. The Ministry of Consecrated Leaders.

"Ministers of God, with hearts aglow with love for Christ and your fellowmen, seek to arouse those who are dead in trespasses and sins. Let your earnest entreaties and warnings pierce their consciences. Let your fervent prayers melt their hearts, and lead them in penitence to the Saviour. You are ambassadors for Christ, to proclaim His message of salvation."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 35.

2. The Ministry of Consecrated Lay Members.

"The work of God in this earth can never be fulfilled until the men and women comprising our church-membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 117.

"The great outpouring of the Spirit of God, which lightens the whole earth with His glory, will not come until we have an enlightened people, that know by experience what it means to be laborers together with God."—*Christian Service*, p. 253.

3. The Ministry of the Printed Page.

"The message will be carried not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the

truth or from yielding obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest children of God sever the bands which have held them. Family connections, church relations, are powerless to stay them now. Truth is more precious than all besides. Notwithstanding the agencies combined against the truth, a large number take their stand upon the Lord's side."—*"Great Controversy,"* p. 612.

4. *The Ministry of Consecrated Youth.*

"The Lord has appointed the youth to be His helping hand."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. VII, p. 64. "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!"—*"Education,"* p. 271.

5. *The Ministry of Consecrated Talents.*

"If one and all would accept it, each would be made a vigilant and faithful treasurer for God; and there would be no want of means with which to carry forward the great work of sounding the last message of warning to the world. The treasury will be full if all adopt this system, and the contributors will not be left the poorer."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. II, p. 389.

With these five great divisions of our working force: the ministry of consecrated leaders; the ministry of consecrated lay members; the ministry of the printed page; the ministry of consecrated youth; and the ministry of consecrated talents—rallied, organized, trained and put into service, who will not admit that thousands would be baptized in one year; the big mountains looming up before us would become plains; our perplexities would vanish, and every soul that stretches out his hand for the living Word would be satisfied.

We have God's Message for these last days; our organization to carry on the work is unique, complete and adequate. What we have lacked thus far is the courage and the faith to swing it into full operating power.

Will you, reader, not ask yourself in which of the five ministries mentioned above you feel called to serve? Will you not seize the task set before you, like a faithful soldier?

God said to Noah: "Make thee an ark." Gen. 6:14; to Abraham: "Get thee out of thy country," Gen. 12:1; to Moses: "Let them make me a sanctuary," Ex. 25:8; to Joshua: "Arise, go over this Jordan," Joshua 1:2; to Solomon: "He shall build Me an house," 1 Chron. 17:12; to Ezra: "Let him go to Jerusalem, and build the house of the Lord God of Israel," Ezra 1:3; to the apostles: "Go ye into all the world,

and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

All these were faithful to the call. Noah built the ark; Abraham forsook his country; Moses built the tabernacle; Joshua crossed the Jordan; Solomon built the temple; Ezra rebuilt it; the apostles went and preached the gospel to every creature living in their generation.

You are a Seventh-day Adventist; God has a message for you. What is it? He says: "RUN to and fro"; be quick; fly; preach the everlasting gospel everywhere for a witness unto all nations. Let your tongue—young and old—speak forth the Message; let the printed page talk; let your money talk. Will you do it? HENRY E. BAASCH.

Cali, Colombia.

IT WAS SWEET TO DO IT FOR JESUS

A Chinese evangelist, in an interior city in China, one day sold a magazine to a goldsmith in the same village. The goldsmith could not read, so in the evening after closing his shop, he came over to the evangelist's house, and said, "Today you sold me this magazine. It must contain a good message for me or you would not have sold it. I cannot read it so you must teach me how." The evangelist agreed that it was only a fair thing for him to do, so from evening to evening this man came to study. Soon he could read; and from time to time he purchased other literature. In a year his shop was closed on the Sabbath. In another six months it was sold, and the goldsmith asked if he could not take the papers and take to others the truth which had become so precious to him.

For several years he did faithful service in the canvassing field. Then a call was made for two men to do pioneer colporteur work in the distant province of Shensi. This brother was the first to volunteer. From the railroad they had to travel three hundred miles by foot, carrying on their own backs their books, bedding, and sometimes their food. For a year they labored in those distant places, and then they came home. When they returned there were great ulcers on the bottoms of their feet. The field missionary secretary suggested to this brother that he should go to his house and rest for a time. The colporteur went for a few days, but in two weeks he was in the canvassing field again.

While away in the canvassing work, the hardships he underwent brought on a rupture. The brethren suggested that he go to a mission hospital for an operation. But this humble member of God's company of great men replied: "There is too much work to do, I cannot

stop. In a few months now the Chinese New Year will come when I cannot work. I will come then for the operation."

Finally the new year came and our colporteur brother entered the hospital. The brethren operated on him to the very best of their ability, and thought that in a few days he would be up again, but something went wrong. He did not recover as rapidly as he should. One day he called for the field missionary secretary to come and see him. As Brother Longway came in to see him, he took his hand. The colporteur said, "I am going to die. I cannot work any more. My course is finished." Then he told some of the experiences he had had in the far-distant province of Shensi. He continued, "The roads were hard and the hills were high and the stones were cold. Sometimes it was two days' journey from one village to the next. At times the only thing we could get to eat was the bark of trees and roots of shrubs." During all the time he was there not one word of complaint did he write—only words of cheer and praise to God for the blessing of service in His cause. And he added, "Oh, Brother Longway, it was so sweet to do it for Jesus."—*Eastern Tidings.*

A CALL TO PRAYER

A worker in one of the fields that is making splendid gains today wrote recently: "The work in this field is very promising. We have set as a goal the doubling of our membership for the year 1929.

"I was told by a government official, who is very much interested in the truth, and who attends all our services regularly, that there are senators who have declared to him that they know that our religion is the truth, and that they would join us if it was not for the fact that they would lose their positions.

"This man, who is a leading army and government official, told me last evening that he had made arrangements to give up his position, which he has held for several years without a break, in order to accept this truth. His wife is only waiting for him to take this step, and she will follow.

"Let me say in passing, that this interest is due, in a great measure, to the missionary work done by the members of the church."

MAKING THE GRADE

"You will be surprised," begins a letter that came to the division office the other day, "when I tell you that I have a list of 215 applications for Reading Course certificates. I am sure that by the end of the year we shall have drawn at least 250. Then we have more than

80 who have finished the Bible Year. We will go over the goal, I am sure."

So am I. The need where the writer of that letter works set a goal for 125 Bible Year certificates, 75 Standard of Attainment certificates, 75 Reading Course certificates. They found such a thrill in pushing on toward the goal that they are sweeping far past most of the items. Getting to work in earnest to reach a certain personal goal is wonderfully stimulating. It gives vigor to the muscles, new courage to the heart, and added zeal for service.

And every certificate earned by a young person means a step gained in the goal to efficiency in the Master's service. In speaking of a young person who held a Standard of Attainment certificate and had earned several Reading Course and Bible Year certificates, one of our leaders said: "That in itself is a splendid recommendation for that young person. It shows he is ambitious to be a success, and is learning how to use his spare moments to advantage. And he is gathering a vast fund of information that will be useful to him in his work. I believe we can count on him becoming a good worker."

Young friend, finish your course! Perhaps the grade you have left to climb is a little steep. Never mind! Do not let the difficulties in the way defeat you in accomplishing what you have undertaken for 1929. Finish your course!

COMING AND GOING

You who read last month that Brother Ishmael Ellis was ill will be happy to learn that he is making a good recovery and hopes to be back with the Guaymi Indians soon.

Pastor E. E. Andross returned to the division office October 25. He brought good news from the Autumn Council. With him were Brother and Sister O. R. Garner. We were very happy to welcome them to Inter-America, and to have them with us at the division office a few days before they sailed to Colombia, where they will take charge of the work in Bogotá. Our prayers go with these earnest young workers for abundant success with good health and ever-increasing happiness in their soul-winning work in Inter-America.

The boat that brought the workers mentioned in the previous paragraph took Sister L. L. Hutchinson away from the Canal Zone. She went to visit her old mother in California. Sister Hutchinson will be greatly missed here where she has given herself so unstintingly in service—in giving instruction to the young, in Christian help work, in distributing truth filled literature on passing boats, and in other ways as opportunity allowed and strength made possible.

The New Leaf

He came to my desk with quivering lip,
The lesson was done.
"Have you a new leaf for me, dear Teacher?
I have spoiled this one!"
I took his leaf, all soiled and blotted
And gave him a new one, all unspotted,
Then into his tired heart I smiled:
"Do better now, my Child!"

I went to the throne, with trembling heart.
The year was done.
"Have you a New Year for me, dear Master?
I have spoiled this one!"
He took my year, all soiled and blotted
And gave me a new one, all unspotted,
Then, into my tired heart he smiled:
"Do better now, my Child!"

"Literary Digest," December 29, 1928.

On Sunday, October 27, Brother F. L. Harrison bade farewell again to the division office family. We are glad that he can join his family for a well-earned rest in the States; but we are looking forward eagerly to their return to the field where they are greatly missed.

The first days in November called the division office family to bid farewell to Brother J. A. P. Green, who sailed for the States in response to a cable from Washington, calling him to be with his wife during some rather serious surgical work. Our earnest prayers are ascending for Sister Green's complete restoration. We hope to have Brother Green back in the field in a few weeks.

In October, Brethren N. W. Dunn and W. R. Mulholland worked diligently in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. They set their goal at \$1000 and passed it by almost \$300.

Pastor W. E. Baxter was the welcome visitor at the division office recently. After a few days with us, he accompanied Brother W. R. Mulholland into the interior of Panama to spend two weeks in evangelistic and Harvest Ingathering work. When these brethren returned from the interior they reported a very successful visit. Brother Baxter in telling us of the two new church schools which have recently been opened in that part of Panama said:

"Sister Clementina Concepción is teaching at La Concepción, Panama, and Brother Ferris Thorpe at San Andres. The former is a graduate of our new school in San José, Costa Rica, and the latter of the West Caribbean Training School in the Canal Zone. Both of these young people are conducting splendid schools—schools which are a great blessing to the churches in those places and to both communities. Their work is greatly appreciated, not only by our church members, but by the public as well. Surely, to help give children a Christian education is missionary work of the highest type. We greatly appreciate the efforts of these and other of our young people who have gone out in this line of missionary work, and hope that other young men and women will soon go forth to open similar schools in this great and needy field."

ARE WE DRIFTING?

In the past, denominational organizations have often drifted from their original purpose, and been carried so far in a wrong direction in habits of life and points of faith that they have apparently lost their message and missed their goal. This became true of the early church soon after apostolic times. Paul spoke of conditions in his own day, which, when fully developed, meant apostasy and departure from the strait and narrow way. The pages of church history are strewn with the wreckage of multitudes who have drifted into errors of doctrine and practice, till chart and compass were utterly lost.

We must not conclude that the world about us is moving heavenward because it appeals to us, and we think there are good people in it. The "strait" and "narrow" road of which Christ spoke, with but few who choose that way, has not widened into the "broad" road which has so many travelers. When one sees little or no difference between his own life and the lives of those about him, does not that suggest drifting? If the world is on the road to destruction, and the church cannot see any particular difference between the world and the lives of its own members, is not that significant?

This advent movement stands for all that the Word of God teaches. It knows no compromise with sin; its standard of righteousness is the law of God as interpreted in the teaching of the life of Christ. Its aim is to prepare a people clothed, through faith, with the righteousness of Christ, who will await their Lord's second coming in glory and power. Such a people, both in their life and in their work, must live unmoved and uninfluenced by the conditions of sin about them. This people must not drift. They cannot drift and fulfill their mission to the world. I. H. EVANS.

Shanghai, China.

Obituary

GRASSET: George Grasset of Panama City died September 20, at the age of 59. He leaves a wife and eight children with whom we sympathize deeply. A. A. GRIZZLE.
Panama City, Panama.

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