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## How Will You Stand?

**T**HE intercession of Christ in man's behalf in the sanctuary above is as essential to the plan of salvation as was His death upon the cross. By His death He began that work which after His resurrection He ascended to complete in heaven. We must by faith enter within the veil, 'whither the Forerunner is for us entered.' There the light from the cross of Calvary is reflected. There we may gain a clearer insight into the mysteries of redemption. The salvation of man is accomplished at an infinite expense to heaven; the sacrifice made is equal to the broadest demands of the broken law of God. Jesus has opened the way to the Father's throne, and through His mediation the sincere desire of all who come to Him in faith may be presented before God.

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." If those who hide and excuse their faults could see how Satan exults over them, how he taunts Christ and holy angels with their course, they would make haste to confess their sins and to put them away. Through defects in the character, Satan works to gain control of the whole mind, and he knows that if these defects are cherished, he will succeed. Therefore he is constantly seeking to deceive the followers of Christ with his fatal sophistry that it is impossible for them to overcome. But Jesus pleads in their behalf His wounded hands, His bruised body; and He declares to all who would follow Him, 'My grace is sufficient for thee.' 'Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.' Let none, then, regard their defects as incurable. God will give faith and grace to overcome them.

"We are now living in the great day of atonement. In the typical service, while the high priest was making the atonement for Israel, all were required to afflict their souls by repentance of sin and humiliation before the Lord, lest they be cut off from among the people. In like manner, all who would have their names retained in the book of life, should now, in the few remaining days of their probation, afflict their souls before God by sorrow for sin and true repentance. There must be deep, faithful searching of heart. The light, frivolous spirit indulged by so many professed Christians must be put away. There is earnest warfare before all who would subdue the evil tendencies that strive for the mastery. *The work of preparation is an individual work. We are not saved in groups. The purity and devotion of one will not offset the want of these qualities in another.* Though all nations are to pass in judgment before God, yet He will examine the case of each individual with as close and searching scrutiny as if there were not another being upon the earth. Every one must be tested, and found without spot or wrinkle or any such thing.

"Solemn are the scenes connected with the closing work of the atonement. Momentous are the interests involved therein. The judgment is now passing in the sanctuary above. For many years this work has been in progress. Soon—none know how soon—it will pass to the cases of the living. In the awful presence of God our lives are to come up in review. At this time above all others it behooves every soul to heed the Saviour's admonition, 'Watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.' 'If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.'

"When the work of the investigative judgment closes, the destiny of all will have been decided for life or death. Probation is ended a short time before the appearing of the Lord in the clouds of heaven. Christ in the Revelation, looking forward to that time, declares: 'He that is unjust let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be.'

"The righteous and the wicked will still be living upon the earth in their mortal state,—men will be planting and building, eating and drinking, all unconscious that the final, irrevocable decision has been pronounced in the sanctuary above. Before the flood, after Noah entered the ark, God shut him in, and shut the ungodly out: but for seven days the people knowing not that their doom was fixed, continued their careless, pleasure-loving life, and mocked the warnings of impending judgment. 'So,' says the Saviour, 'shall also the coming of the Son of man be.' Silently, unnoticed as the midnight thief, will come the decisive hour which marks the fixing of every man's destiny, the final withdrawal of mercy's offer to guilty men.

"Watch ye therefore: . . . lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping.' Perilous is the condition of those who growing weary of their watch, turn to the attractions of the world. While the man of business is absorbed in the pursuit of gain, while the pleasure-lover is seeking indulgence, while the daughter of fashion is arranging her adornments,—it may be in that hour the Judge of all the earth will pronounce the sentence, 'Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.'—"*Great Controversy,*" pp. 489-491.

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"We should all condemn sin, as God condemns it, the moment we see it. It is in ourselves, though sometimes it may be hidden from us. It may be some hidden sin that keeps God from using us more. Let us be honest with God. Let David's prayer be ours: 'Search me, O God,'—not my neighbors nor any other people,—'search me!'"

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**VISITING OUR TRAINING SCHOOLS**

September 8, Prof. C. P. Crager of the General Conference Educational Department arrived in Havana, Cuba. From there he and the writer went direct to Bartle and joined Prof. W. L. Adams, the educational secretary of the Inter-American Division, who had arrived a few days previous. Together with the board and faculty of the Cuba training school we studied their problems and endeavored to assist the local brethren in laying plans for a stronger and better school in Cuba.

On the evening of the 13th of September we took a boat for Porto Rico. Upon arriving in San Juan we went the next day to Aibonito to look over the school property there. Some time was given to committee work in considering various items of mission work, and especially the school interests in the island. While it does not seem advisable under present conditions to operate an academy in Porto Rico, owing to the destruction of buildings two years ago and with the limited constituency in the Porto Rico Mission, yet the brethren are anxious to encourage and foster the interests of Christian education as carried on by Seventh-day Adventists, so they are operating several local church and mission schools in the island. They hope to send a few advanced students each year to the Cuba school which we plan to enlarge and make the Spanish training school for the Antillian Union.

From Porto Rico we returned to Santo Domingo City where we spent a day with our workers, studying their needs in view of the destruction of the church and mission offices in the hurricane. It is hoped that some special help may be received from the division and General Conference to rebuild the church so that our work may be carried on without serious interruption.

From Santo Domingo City we went by auto across the island to Haiti. We spent the week-end at Cape Haitien and on Sabbath three different companies were visited. Several days were spent with the Haitien brethren in counsel and in studying their school problems. Prof. Lee Higgins and wife recently arrived from the States to unite with the school in Haiti. Brother Higgins is taking hold of his work as principal of the school with interest and enthusiasm. We are glad to see definite plans for the re-opening of the Haitien Training School, after being closed for two years because of the lack of a sufficient faculty. Although the school has not been able to operate, yet the industrial features have

been carried forward. A good faculty has been secured both of foreign and native teachers, so that we have every confidence to believe that better days are before us for our educational work in Haiti. The following week-end was spent in Port-au-Prince and vicinity.

From Haiti it seemed necessary for Professor Crager to return to the States, but Professor Adams and the writer proceeded to Jamaica, arriving in Kingston, October 8. We spent several days with the brethren at the West Indian Training College at Mandeville. This school has been operating successfully a number of years. The school is blessed with a strong faculty. Prof. Robert Shafer recently arrived to take the principalship of the school. Prof. Leslie Dunn and wife will also assist in teaching and he will be connected with the industrial work of the school.

The West Indian Training College is the recognized advanced training school



Some faithful members in Delicias, Cuba.

for the English-speaking peoples of the Inter-American Division. We are glad to know that among the present enrollment we have the following nineteen students from other parts outside the Jamaica Conference: Eleven boys from Cuba who are attending the school to learn English. Three from Honduras, two from Bermuda, one from Porto Rico, one from Guatemala, and one from Costa Rica. Thus it is evident that the West Indian Training College is already drawing students from various parts of the Inter-American Division as well as from even farther remote parts. A strong fourteen grade curriculum has been prepared and we hope for better work than the school has hitherto been able to accomplish.

Surely our denominational schools are accomplishing a great work for our children and youth. Every believer in our denominational work should be as loyal in supporting the schools brought into existence under the counsel of God through the Spirit of Prophecy as we are in supporting the Sabbath school and other activities of the church.

Havana, Cuba. A. R. OGDEN.

“Let us be honest with God.”

**MORE ABOUT SANTO DOMINGO HURRICANE**

Having just returned from Santo Domingo City, which was practically wiped off the map, as a city, by the terrible hurricane of September 3, I thought that a few lines to our readers might be of interest.

In company with Brethren C. P. Crager and W. L. Adams we arrived in Santo Domingo City just thirteen days after the terrible hurricane. We went on to Porto Rico for the week-end, returning to Santo Domingo City the following Tuesday. The destruction of life and property in Santo Domingo City cannot be told in words. While the storms of the past years have indeed been terrible this one was worst.

Imagine a city with a population of approximately fifty thousand, being practically torn to pieces by a storm so terrific that nothing seemed to be able to withstand its fury. As one walks around the city and sees only heaps of mortar, and stone, and kindling wood which a few days before were the homes and shops of the people, the marvel is that any one could have escaped alive, or without serious personal injury. I have seen the wreckage and ruin left by hurricanes in past years here in the tropics, as well as the results of cyclones in the central States, yet I have never seen such devastation as I saw in Santo Domingo City as a result of the recent hurricane there. Practically one half of the population suffered death or injury. Many of the injured have since died. Three weeks after the storm it was estimated that an average of about forty were dying daily from gangrene and other conditions incident to the storm. The days immediately following the destructive storm the dead were gathered and burned in heaps all over the city. Burial was impossible. In one spot 120 bodies were burned at one time.

Notwithstanding this terrible loss of life our workers were all mercifully spared, not one even suffering a scratch. We are sorry, however, that two members of the church were killed. Some other members of the church were more or less injured. It was miraculous how our workers were spared, especially Brother R. Gideon Jones and the thirteen under his charge. The Lord, in a very special way, directed Brother Jones in just what moves to make so that not a hair of their heads was injured.

The church building, school, mission offices and home are completely destroyed, but the Message still lives and the material things can be restored.

We solicit the prayers of our dear people everywhere for the loyal, faithful believers in Santo Domingo City at this time. We believe that as a result of this sad calamity that our work will go with even greater rapidity than be-

fore, for everywhere the living are asking, "What do these things mean?" The masses have been staggered and bewildered, and now is the time to press in with the Message in this stricken city, and quickly finish God's work.

Havana, Cuba. A. R. OGDEN.

### TEACHERS' INSTITUTE IN JAMAICA

In order that our church schools may be properly conducted, it is necessary for us to have a thoroughly trained corps of teachers for them. While we have quite a large group of these who have had some training, this work has been confined for the most part, to the work of the academic or high school grades. It is not difficult to understand that in such a course it is impossible to offer all of the ideas which the teacher might need for his work. For some time it has been suggested that an institute for these teachers, and for others who might be interested, would be a good thing.

Such an institute, covering a period of about ten days, was arranged for the teachers of Jamaica. It was held, August 13-23, at Mandeville, where the West Indian Training College is located. Circumstances of which I seemed to have no control caused me to be about three days late. When I arrived, however, I found that Pastor H. J. Edmed, the conference president, Miss Violet M. Peake, the normal director of the training school, and others had made a good beginning. They had been giving some good materials for teachers in the form of some set study and recitation. Pastor Edmed and others in the school as well as some of the church school teachers had prepared some very inspirational and educational talks.

During the whole of this time, we held up the ideals of a Christian education. Some of our own people have had the idea that about the only difference between Seventh-day Adventist schools and those of the public schools lies in the fact that we teach the Bible as a part of the course of study. We held up before these teachers the thought that while we are not to be in conformity with the public schools of the land, we are not to be less thorough. Our system of education is to be as thorough as any in the land, and in addition to those we are to teach Christian ideals, and we are to train our boys and girls to be different from those of the land about us. Unless this is done, our schools are a failure. Unless we can so instruct our children in the things of God that they will become true Christians, we cannot lay claim to a superior school system.

Another thing that we need to keep before us is the fact that in our system of education, we are not necessarily bound to any tests which the other

schools may devise, but at the same time we ought to be so well educated in the common branches that we can pass any reasonable examination given by any school system.

Our teachers seemed to enjoy these studies and talks. They appreciated the materials which we were able to bring to them, and which will help them in a very material way. It was encouraging to those of us who were doing the work of leading out in this institute to see that the teachers were really getting that which would be beneficial to them when they returned to their schools.

Every church school on the island was represented by the teacher, and then we had a number of those who were taking training in the school with us much of the time. These teachers expressed themselves as being highly pleased with this opportunity to get together for study. We hope to have other occasions, not only in Jamaica, but in other parts of our field as we become better organized for the work.

Balboa, C. Z. W. L. ADAMS.

### My Corner

God saw a corner in the world

That wanted filling,

No angel with bright wings unfurled,

Though me'er so willing,

Could fill that spot, for it was meant for me—  
My little corner, so I'm here you see.

He placed me here to do brave work

With head and hands,

And if sometimes I sadly shirk,

He understands

How hard I find it always to be good,

And helps His child to do the things she should.

I try to keep this corner bright

With loving deeds,

My garden sweet, a place of light

And free from weeds;

For though so many are more good and fair,

Not one would fill the spot—God sent me here.

—Selected.

### WORDS OF CHEER FROM THE CRADLE OF AMERICA

In a recent letter from Pastor R. J. Sype, superintendent of the Bahamas Mission, he gives a very interesting report of a recent trip he made visiting some of the out islands. From his letter I quote the following:

"On the island of Inagua I found four faithful sisters. They were holding on in face of opposition and persecution, and they have had great triumph. Here I baptized three new believers and admitted one into the church on profession of faith. Three of these four new ones were men, and one of them is a talented leader. There is quite an interest there and I believe our membership will double before the end of the year. I held meetings with them every night for two weeks and left everything in excellent condition. We secured the Wesleyan church for their services.

"From Inagua I went back to San Salvador, where I found one of the most interesting situations I have ever found. Our work there

is most encouraging. We have a wonderful little company of believers. Here I baptized eight dear souls which brings their membership up to thirty-three. One interesting thing about that church is that they have all united families. There are twelve big, stalwart men in the church, the cream of the whole island. They have made a profound impression on their little village. The saloon-keepers had to leave the village because they could not make a living any longer, and nearly everything in the village helps us to appreciate the fact that this Message is a wonderfully refining agency. This has been done in spite of the fact that the Catholics have tried to make the island Catholic, because Columbus took the island in the name of 'Their Majesties, the king and queen of Spain, and the Holy Father, the Pope of Rome.' I had a very interesting visit with the American Catholic priest. He was quite incensed at me for having baptized one of his best members, and so I tried to give him a few things to think about. At the close of our visit he said to me, 'Well, I must tell you that your members are surely tenacious.' I told him they could afford to be tenacious since they have the truth, and I informed him that I was not worried in the least that he would get any of them.

"There is also a good interest springing up at the other end of the island about ten miles from our church. I held one service there. That is the largest district in the island and I was informed that there were not a half dozen people in the district who did not attend the service. It was surely a fine congregation and they were very attentive. We already have four good members there and I am sure we can have a good little church there with a little effort, and it must be done quickly for the 'beast' is plotting against us and trying to hinder our work. Oh, if we only had more money for buildings!

"At San Salvador they have about fifty in their little Sabbath school, and the little building is only fifteen by twenty feet, inside measurement, so by the time the rostrum is deducted it is quite crowded. It is only by seating some on the rostrum that they can get seated at all. We need \$75.00 to enlarge this church building.

"I must also tell you of my visit to Crooked Island, where we have a nice little church. The work is progressing nicely there. The settlement is very small, but we have all the leading families in our church. While I was there I baptized an old man about sixty-eight years of age who is by far the most prominent man in the district. His wife and family accepted the Message several years ago, but he opposed it until lately. The first thing he said to me when I met him was, 'Elder, I want you to take me down into the water and bury me.' It was a real joy to the little church to see this fine old man and two other precious souls buried under the billows of the old Atlantic."

I am sure it is of interest to our people everywhere to know that this precious Message is gaining a foothold in the very "cradle of America." While it was a wonderful thing for Columbus to discover these islands, it is even more thrilling to know that the Third Angel's Message is finding such a hearty reception by these islanders in this last hour of the earth's history. Surely the words of the prophets of long ago is being fulfilled. "He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till He have set judgment in the earth; and the isles shall wait for His law." Isa. 42:4.

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"The life must be cast into the furrow of the world's need. Self-love, self-interest, must perish."



Carrying stones by moonlight to build a church.

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#### SOUTH CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE NEWS ITEMS

Big week in the South Caribbean Conference was a success. It was inspiring to hear the members of the Port-of-Spain church report their activities as the leader of the mid-week meeting called for experiences. One sister found it very easy to dispose of her books among those to whom she had given papers and tracts. Others reported that the people were glad to buy the books.

The Lord has greatly blessed in the three principal evangelistic efforts that have been conducted in this conference. Over 110 persons are now in baptismal classes as a result of these efforts. Many of these will be baptized soon.

The MESSENGER Day Program at the San Fernando church was short but very interesting. When the members were asked if they appreciate the MESSENGER every hand went up, and this was later supported by a good offering.

Pastor S. L. Ash, who was a delegate to the General Conference from the Caribbean Union, has been visiting the churches in Trinidad. His itinerary took him to thirty-two churches and companies where he told in an intensely interesting way, the story of the General Conference and of his trip to the United States and return. These meetings, we are sure, have brought new courage and confidence to the believers in Trinidad. M. D. HOWARD.

Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

#### BUILDING A CHURCH BY MOON- LIGHT

About two years ago, on the island of Nevis, a small congregation of Seventh-day Adventists were worshipping in a little leaf-built church. In some way

it caught on fire, and burned down. The church elder called the members to meet in his home for prayer, and told them that perhaps God had a great blessing in all this for them. After prayer the elder went to see a lady who owned an estate and told her about their trouble. She offered them an acre of land at a very small price. They bought it and she deeded them the land at once. She then told them that they might have all the stones they needed from some old houses on her estate to rebuild their church if they would carry them up to their lot. They gladly accepted her generous offer. However, they were all very poor, and were compelled to labor hard every day to make a living, so what should they do.

Counseling over the matter they hit on a plan, and after that there was a lively time in that little church every moonlight night, for boys, girls, women, and old ladies would gather and spend some time carrying stones on their heads for the new church. They had to carry them almost a mile, but every moonlight night the pile of stones grew larger until at last they had enough stones on their lot to build the church.

Now those stones are all in a building 26 x 40 feet, and they have named the church Phoenix, meaning something that came up from the ashes. The first Sabbath they held meeting in that church they wept for joy, and praised the Lord for His blessings. J. M. COLE.

Castries, St. Lucia.

#### Seven Surprises

It is said that the Christian who begins to tithe will have at least seven surprises:

At the amount of money he has for the Lord's work;

At the deepening of his own spiritual life;

At the ease with which one meets his own obligations;

At the pleasure found in larger giving;

At the satisfaction in the practice of stewardship in time, talents, and possessions;

At himself for not adopting the plan sooner;

At his new appreciation of the goodness of God.—Selected

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#### RAINBOW TINTS

Although it is the rainy season on the Isthmus, and clouds hide the sun, our conference office experiences many "bright" days.

A few days ago a Spanish gentleman came into the office in quest of a book that some colporteur had introduced to him a year ago. We were glad to supply him a copy of "Nuevo Médico" in cloth, for which he paid cash, and

seemed very happy to at last find his book.

At prayer meeting in the Colon church the members were cheered to learn that a contribution for Harvest Ingathering had been received by the church treasurer from a sister who is sick and unable to go out soliciting. This is a beautiful illustration of loyalty, and sacrifice, no doubt. Can those in health do less?

We often find our sunshine in the mail box. It may be a report from a Sabbath school or a Home Missionary society that we feared might arrive too late to complete our union report. "On time" reports are a joy to every office and we are thankful for many this quarter.

A recent letter from Brother Ishmael Ellis brightened the Sabbath school department. He hopes to send in reports from two new schools at the close of the year. This will make three schools among the Guaymi Indians, in spite of sickness, several deaths and constant persecution by the priests. Notices have even been posted there forbidding food or shelter to Adventists. But still God's work prospers.

Today a sister brought in tithe from an isolated company across Gatun Lake. But we wondered how to receipt it, and where to put it. She finally agreed to take it to the market and sell it—a live chicken. It softens the heart and stirs the soul to see such evidence of faithfulness in returning to the Lord His own.

Another sister smilingly related how her little daughter watches the pear tree and all that she finds on the ground she brings to her mother saying, "Please sell these for my Investment offering."

VIOLA E. COOKE.

Cristobal, Canal Zone.

#### A WORD FROM SAN ANDRES

We had been laboring with the Colon church for a little more than two years when we were called to the island of San Andrés, where the work has been in progress for over thirty years. While it is true that our membership is very small, numbering only thirty-four, we are not discouraged at all; but we are determined with God's help, and the hearty cooperation of the members that we have, to increase this number during the present year. The interest has been very good since my arrival. I had my first public service in the little church here last Sunday night, and we could not accommodate all who came. Visitors and members brought benches and chairs to provide seats, while others who could not gain entrance contented themselves with remaining outside, and from all appearances were satisfied with what they saw and heard.

After the service we called the officers of the church together to study plans

for the good of the church. A young people's club was organized in which we propose to teach Spanish and English, how to make flowers, and crocheting. Later on we plan to include programs and recreative sports in this club. All church members are eligible for membership in this club, the prime aim being to increase our Sabbath school membership. Every member of the club is either a member already or a prospective member of the Sabbath school or the young people's society. The whole club is functioning under the direct supervision of the Sabbath school.

We hope to do great things here as soon as Mrs. Andean comes from Colon to join me in the work among the young people. Last Sabbath we had an increase of five members in our young people's society.

The Lord has blessed us in many ways and we are very grateful to Him. Among these blessings was the birth of our baby boy, Aurelio Enrique. We willingly consecrate him to the Lord's service.

Truly the harvest is ripe on this island and we pray for more reapers to garner the sheaves for the Master.

O. D. ANDREAN.

San Andrés, Colombia, S. A.

**OUR WORK IN HONDURAS**

Our hearts have been greatly cheered to see the interest in this truth spreading among the people of Spanish Honduras. Those who have had experience and are acquainted with the Latin-American people will readily appreciate that they are very different from the English-speaking class and many times harder to convince on religious matters. For this reason it is necessary to maintain a strong force of workers among them.

However, in spite of our not having one ordained minister working among the Spanish believers, since the latter part of March, the work has been constantly moving forward. Some months ago one of our Spanish workers was dropped from our pay-roll, and his budget was given to another field. Although this brother's salary was stopped, yet he would not quit carrying on for God. We learned indirectly that he had started a small banana farm out in the jungles, so we decided to visit him unexpectedly and see what kind of interest he had created. We reached his home Friday afternoon, and from the dense forest in which he was living we concluded that he and his wife and adopted child were about all the interest there could be in that place.

But imagine our surprise the following Sabbath morning when he said, "Let us be going to Sabbath school, for we must walk quite a distance to reach there." We then followed a small trail and walked another mile farther into

the jungle, and found a company of about twenty-five under a large thatched roof waiting for the service to begin. We could hardly believe our eyes, but here was a good company sprung up from the efforts of this brother that was dropped, and now Juan Lanza, our present Spanish Bible worker, is preparing them for baptism.

A few weeks ago a Spanish gentleman near Olanchito, Honduras, wrote to the office, saying he had read some of our literature, and that he was convinced this was the truth he was looking for. We sent him a collection of tracts, and after studying these, he wrote again, stating that he, together with a number of his friends, had already begun keeping the commandments of God and desired baptism. We immediately notified Brother Lanza of this interest, and after visiting them, he has just sent in a list of eighteen converts.

Another urgent call has come from Tela, where a sister has started a little Sabbath school, and already some are asking to be baptized; but we tell all these people they must wait until an ordained minister can come. Truly the fields are ripe for harvest, but the laborers are few.

Although we must meet these experiences, yet our courage is good. If there is a place where one has to learn to "wait on the Lord," it is in these fields, where we are daily seeing the crying needs before us. May God inspire every heart as we enter the Harvest Ingathering campaign to do more than ever before, that funds may be brought in and this work finished quickly.

J. W. COLE.

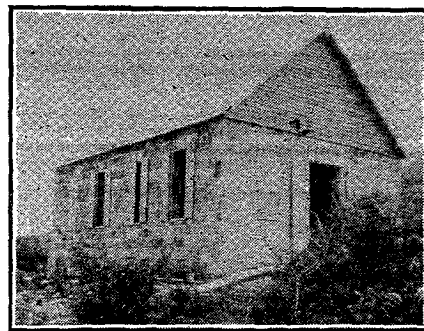
San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

**IT PAYS TO SERVE JESUS**

It is wonderful to see what the gospel can do for people who come in contact with it. Sometime ago my attention was called to an elderly man, who for nineteen years had been employed by a well-known company. Just one more year was needed to make him eligible for a life long pension. About this time our friend accepted the Lord Jesus as his personal Saviour and joined the church, but he found to his dismay that he could not obey God by resting on the day the Lord had set aside for rest and at the same time continue in his present employment.

Here was a real dilemma for him as he was poor and had a family to support and would need his work to keep the wolf from the door. What should he do? Ought he to disobey God and continue on in his job or should he quit his work, thus losing a pension that would take care of him and his family for the rest of his life?

His persistence in obeying God resulted in the loss of his position, and for



The church that was built with the stones carried in the moonlight.

three months, according to what he told us, he did not know from what source his daily bread would come. However, as the old saying so quaintly states: "When the need is greatest, God is nearest." And this our friend soon found to be true. The Lord, who now had tested his faith, helped him out, and when he again applied for his job it was given back to him together with the liberty to worship God according to his own conscience. Although ready to give up his so much coveted pension which to him was the reward of many years of hard work and struggle, he now is back at work again. What he counted as lost was restored to him. Really, it pays to serve the Lord.

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**"THE HARVEST IS RIPE BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW"**

In the following experiences you will notice the result of the work of some of our faithful colporteurs and lay members in Colombia:

After spending several days in Bogotá with our church and baptizing seven souls, the writer, accompanied by Pastor H. E. Baasch, and brethren Francisco Hernandez, Salvador Plata and Manuel Torres, took the train for Girardot. In this place we were able to hire a car which took us to the little village, Melgar, where we spent the night. The next morning, bright and early, we started out for a small town nestled among the hills of the third range of the Andes. We were fortunate to have with us one of our new believers of this country, who brought a horse along to carry our baggage over the mountains, a journey of about five hours. We took turn about riding the horse, and enjoyed the beautiful scenery along the mountain path.

At two o'clock Friday afternoon we arrived in the little village of Icononzo.

We were able to rent a room in a native hotel. After having prepared ourselves for the Sabbath, we made a visit to the *Alcalde*, or mayor of the town. Our purpose was to get his permission to hold meetings in the town, either in the plaza or in the theater. As we entered the office who did we find as mayor but an intimate friend of Brethren Hernandez and Plata. We were introduced to the gentlemen, received a very friendly welcome, and were given a permit to hold meetings in the theater that night, and every night during our stay there.

That night about four hundred persons congregated in the theater to listen to Pastor Baasch present the dream of Nebuchadnezzar. The next day, Sabbath, also Sunday we had the privilege of meeting about fifty believers in different suburbs of the village. We found an interest among the people that we had never seen before as the result of the colporteurs' and lay members' work. We were able to organize four different Sabbath schools with a total membership of fifty. We hope to be able to baptize twenty by the end of this year in this place. Today I received letters from there telling that the priest is causing the enemies to rock the homes of our believers, and has gone so far as to try to kill one with a knife. Pray for the honest souls over there.

*Cali, Colombia.* N. H. KINZER.

### INTEREST IN CALI, COLOMBIA

Brother N. H. Kinzer and the writer are in the midst of an effort in the city of Cali, Colombia. We have added space to our hall, so that now we can seat about two hundred people.

We started these meetings, September 7, and five thousand handbills were distributed, announcing the subjects. The response was rather meager and only about fifty turned out the first night. We are glad, however, to say that our congregations have been growing steadily. So far we have averaged between 130 and 140. One night we counted almost two hundred.

Meetings are being held four times a week, Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. That leaves three days in the week for visiting and personal work. Most of our congregation consists of men of all ages, with youth in the preponderance. Few women attend the meetings but those who do attend are regular.

We have found it rather difficult to collect addresses. People in Cali prefer to come to the hall rather than be embarrassed by the visit of the minister at their home.

Sunday mornings at 10 o'clock we conduct a Bible class which is well attended. Every night we have a song service for more than half an hour.

Many thoroughly enjoy it, and some enjoy it even more than the service.

With permission of the authorities and through the courtesy of a foreign firm whose warehouse is opposite our meeting place, we are advertising our meetings every night with stereopticon slides thrown on a white wall which directly faces the entrance to our hall.

We are glad to have the help of Brother Pacho Hernandez, the elder of the Bogota church; also Brother Sanchez, our faithful colporteur from Tulua, and Sister Justina Colón from Porto Rico, who is devoting her time to visiting and Bible work. We also appreciate the help of our good wives at the piano.

H. E. BAASCH.

*Cali, Colombia.*

### MEXICAN UNION MISSION

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### SAVED TO SERVE

In an isthmus town of Tehuantepec we have a lively Sabbath school. Some time ago a Zapotecan Indian with his wife were visiting in that place. While there they heard of the Third Angel's Message, believed it and were both converted. But they were not satisfied to hide their new-found light under a bushel. Accordingly they both walked for seven days over mountains and across valleys. They slept where night overtook them, the earth being their bed, the sky their covering.

You may ask why they suffered in this manner. It was to serve the ones that they loved at home. They might have stayed in Tehuantepec and enjoyed life there, but that would not have brought the light of the gospel to their loved ones.

When our superintendent, J. B. Nelson, was passing through Oaxaca recently he found not only these two faithful souls, but the municipal treasurer and thirteen others keeping the Sabbath as the result of the teaching of these two Indians, who were saved to serve. They told him of their plans. Now that they have warned their family, they hope to go to the surrounding villages and tell the people there of the soon coming of Christ. While fanaticism runs high in these parts and it is not always safe to speak of religion, they have no fears of persecution. Pray that God may use them in a wonderful way.

MRS. F. L. E. ULMER.

*Puebla, Puebla, Mexico.*

### MEXICO IS GROWING

In the little village of Triunfo, Tabasco we have just organized a Sabbath school of eighteen members. They learned the truth from a book that was

left in that place by a colporteur. From Chiapas comes another letter from a doctor in the town of Salto de Agua, enclosing tithes and offerings. He explains that he is keeping the true Sabbath and following carefully the light that he received from our literature purchased from a colporteur recently. Our books and papers have brought hundreds into this Message in Old Mexico and our canvassers deserve the credit.

From all parts of the Tehuantepec Mission we have been receiving letters telling of new believers and new companies that are springing up. This is a direct result of the never failing rays of light that shines forth from the glory of our Message—rays that are ever advancing and always dispelling darkness created by sin and ignorance. The workers in Tehuantepec are of good courage. Many are awaiting baptism, and we hope to see a large number added to our ranks before the close of the present year.

J. B. NELSON.

*Orizaba, Vera Cruz, Mexico.*

## With Our Departments

### MY DESSERT MONEY

Much instruction has been given in the Word of God and in the "Testimonies" concerning the care of the body, and the effect of rich foods on the system. When used frequently these often bring in additional expense to the family budget, which may become quite burdensome, and involve additional labor on the part of the usually already overworked housekeeper.

Often much physical suffering and inconvenience comes to the various members of the family as a result of over-indulgence, so that it behooves us to heed what the Lord has so graciously sent to us in His messages for character building.

In these times, when we are especially called upon to exercise self-denial how much might be gained to the individual, the family, and the cause of God if this instruction were carried out more fully.

A sister anxious to do this, and willing to deny herself so that she might be better fitted for service in this closing work of God wrote recently to the Home Study Institute as follows:

"I am sending you five dollars toward my course in Healthful Cooking. This is what I call my 'dessert money' as I have saved five dollars a week from my grocery account, since camp meeting by entirely discontinuing cakes, pies, custards and other rich desserts. We feel so much better also, and I'm just doing a lot of things with that extra money. I could not take this correspondence course if it was not for saving this perhaps."

Many others might profitably follow this good example and reap similar results. Better health, mental improvement, and eventually better service for God. Those are "gathered" at last who "have made a covenant by sacrifice." Is it worth it?

LIZZIE M. GREGG.

Washington, D. C.

## CHRISTIAN HOME PROBLEMS

### The Why of Sickness

"To the sick, the same as to the well, it should be a source of encouragement to know that definite laws of divine establishment govern the matter of health. If health laws were fickle and uncertain, we should indeed be at a loss to know what to expect in our health seeking; we should have nothing on which we could depend.

"There is a mighty truth, far-reaching and comprehensive, in the Bible statement concerning man's sowing and reaping: 'Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.' Gal. 6:7, 8.

"Whether we apply this truth to seed sowing, or grain or vegetable, or to character sowing, we know that like produces like. Corn produces corn, and oats come from oats. Habits of industry and virtue bring returns in kind, and fast living and sowing of 'wild oats' yield their own crops.

"So, too, in the realm of health, we may count on reaping what we sow. We may know that health and disease are two things entirely different one from the other, each coming from its own seed. What the harvest shall be depends on what and how we sow; and when we sow one thing, we shall not, in the ordinary course of events, reap another.

"It is a divine arrangement that what a man sows he shall reap; so we may with the fullest confidence look forward to the harvest of health when we know that we are sowing the seeds of health.

"If we have rheumatic pains, kidney trouble, sleeplessness, indigestion, or some other physical ailment, we may know of a certainty that somewhere, sometime, we sowed the seed of what we are now reaping. Not because an arbitrary, cruel, vindictive, and vengeful God is dealing out to us punishment, but because in the wise and good providence of the Creator it was planned that laws should govern our being, and that in the natural outworking of law every physical transgression would bring its fixed physical penalty.

"Banish every idea that sickness, pain, and disease come as punishment, inflicted like so many stripes, for acts of disobedience. Consider rather that as a natural course, violation of health laws must bring, sooner or later, their natural result. If the seed is planted, it will grow. We may have such a store of health that a slight dissipation may not be noticed; our constitution may be strong enough to withstand more or less abuse without apparent effect, but it is a fixed law that what a man sows will grow. The seed comes true; and if it is put in growing soil it will yield. The man who says he can digest nails and that nothing hurts him, is simply mistaken.

"Let us repeat,—it is a divine arrangement, or a part of God's law, that sowing for health brings health, and sowing for disease brings disease. In other words when we violate the laws of health we violate laws that God has established. These laws are immutable, not subject to change or abolishment or amendment by man. They are fixed.

"When we speak of fixed laws of health we do not mean something narrow or restricted, based on individual conception, or on the experience of a man or even a class of men. Physi-

logical laws take into account many conditions under which various races and types of individuals must live. Nature is kind, though not indulgent, and provides for an adjustment and an adaption of the human system to various conditions of living that may seem abnormal. But this does not discount the stability of her laws.

"But understand this,—the law of cause and effect was not ordained for the purpose of bringing disease and distress on man, but to give him health and enjoyment. It would be better to give more thought to the good that results from obedience than to be so much concerned about what comes by our disobedience. We can just as well sow for enjoyment and get it, as to do the other thing. Conforming to the laws of health will insure health, and when we have health we shall not have disease.

"The law of sowing and reaping does not stop with the physical being. The body does not live to itself. There is not a definite border line that separates the physical life of man from the spiritual. It isn't even a matter of gradual shading from one to the other, but one of the closest relationships. The things that conflict with the natural laws governing the health of the body, militate also against the welfare of the soul.

"Digressions in eating, loss of sleep, overwork, and other violations of health laws, may result in indigestion, headache, nervousness, and other ailments, but the effect does not always stop with these. Impatience, fretfulness, chafing, worry, hasty and unwise decisions, and various errors of behavior are often traceable to poor food, or even to good food if improperly eaten. Serious faults and even gross sins may be due to violation of natural laws.

"On the other hand, one's mental state has much to do with the physical state. The relation of the mind to the body is very close, and the influence of one over the other very powerful. The mind plays a large part in healing. Many an ailment fails of being cured because there is some mental worry or anxiety that prevents restoration.

"So, too, the spiritual life enters into the question of physical healing. The knowledge of an unconfessed wrong, a guilty conscience, remorse, and fear arising from one's conduct, may stand in the way of recovery. The helpless paralytic brought to Christ by his four friends, needed first the forgiveness of sins which were the real cause of his malady, before he could be cured, hence Christ said to him, 'Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.' There are many others like him in that respect."—*The Road to Health*, pp. 7-11.

## OUR WORKERS' CORNER

### Work of the Holy Spirit

1. How is the Holy Spirit described?

Comforter and Spirit of truth. John 15:26.

Power from on high. Luke 24:49.

Holy Ghost and power. Acts 1:5.

Spirit of God. Matt. 3:16.

Holy Ghost. Luke 3:22. (Note: "It is plain from these scriptures that the Holy Spirit is the personal representative of Christ upon the earth, abiding in the church by dwelling in the hearts of the believers. It follows that any attempt to make a man the vicegerent of Christ in the place of the third person of the Godhead is an attempt to put man in the place of God. Thus does the fundamental principle of the Papacy set aside the person and work of the Holy Spirit."—*Bible Readings for the Home Circle*, p. 182.

"Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally. Therefore it was for their interest that He should go to the Father and send the Spirit to be His successor on earth. No one could then have any advantage because of his location or his personal contact with Christ. By the Spirit the Saviour would be accessible to all. In this sense He would be nearer to them than if He had not

ascended on high."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 669.

2. How early in Bible history is the Holy Spirit mentioned? Gen 1:2.

3. How is the presence of the Holy Spirit discerned? John 3:8.

4. What is the specific work of the Holy Spirit? John 16:7, 8.

5. How should man treat the Holy Spirit? John 20:22.

6. What experiences follow the receiving of the Spirit? Confessions follow reproof. 1 John 1:9.

Change of heart called new birth. John 3:5, 6.

Led by the Spirit instead of natural desire. Rom. 8:13, 14.

7. What progress is made under His leadership? John 16:13. Prov. 4:18.

8. Should one refuse to follow these greater truths, what happens? Eph. 4:30.

9. If rebellion continues what finally becomes of the Holy Spirit?—The Spirit ceases striving with the heart (Gen. 6:3, first part); the soul is utterly forsaken of God (Prov. 1:23-31).

10. Where is the mind of the Spirit of God expressed? John 6:63.

11. When the Word guides, who is leading? John 17:17; 1 John 5:6.

12. What will the Spirit teach us? John 14:26.

13. When He brings these words to our minds, what are we to do? John 14:15-17, 21, 23.

14. What change will He work in our lives? Eze. 36:25-27.

15. When we lack the disposition to do right, how may we obtain the Spirit's presence? Ps. 51:10-12.

16. In what way does the Holy Spirit cooperate with us in our supplications? Rom. 8:15, 26, 27.

17. With what will He fill the heart? Rom. 5:5; Gal. 5:22.

18. Of what does the Holy Spirit bear witness? John 16:13, 14.

19. What promise did Jesus make? John 14:16, 17, 26.

A fuller sense of God's relationship to those whom He has purchased with the gift of His Son, a greater faith in the onward progress of His cause in the earth,—this is the great need of the church today. Let none waste time in deploring the scantiness of their visible resources. The outward appearance may be unpromising; but energy and trust in God will develop resources. The gift brought to Him with thanksgiving and with prayer for His blessing, He will multiply as He multiplied the food given to the sons of the prophets and to the weary multitude."—*Prophets and Kings*, p. 243.

## WEDDING BELLS

A pretty little wedding was solemnized in the home of Pastor and Mrs. C. E. Wood at the division headquarters in Balboa, Canal Zone, the evening of November 11, 1930, in which Mr. Arthur Edeburn and Miss Cleo Woodall pledged their troth. The room was neatly decorated for the occasion and a number of friends were present who joined in wishing the bridal pair happiness.

Just before the ceremony Mrs. F. L. Harrison sang "O Promise Me." With the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march the bride and groom entered the room and stood facing an embankment of ferns and palms. Pastor C. E. Wood then performed the marriage ceremony. A reception followed, and the bride received a number of beautiful and useful presents.

Miss Woodall has been an efficient and faithful stenographer in the division office for a number of months, and Mr. Edeburn was recently called to the work of secretary-treasurer in the Panama Conference. The lives of these young people are consecrated to the Master and hand in hand they will now unite in loving service for Him.

### O'ER LAND AND SEA

Miss Mabel L. Head, who has been engaged in stenographic work at the division headquarters, and at the Antillian Union office during the past three years, sailed from Havana, Cuba, October 7 for a much needed rest in the States.

Prof. W. L. Adams sailed for Costa Rica in November to help Pastor W. E. Baxter select a suitable site for the new Inter-Union Spanish academy which is to be the educational center for the Spanish-speaking young people in the Central American and Colombia-Venezuela Unions.

Brother F. L. Harrison recently spent a few weeks in San Jose, Costa Rica, auditing the Central American Union records.

Brother W. R. Mulholland, the pastor of the Spanish church in Panama City, with Brethren Felix Vega and Eugenio Plata of the Panama Conference, made trips into the interior of Panama and report much success in their Harvest Ingathering work.

Cuba has raised \$250.00 over her Harvest Ingathering goal. This was the first mission or conference to reach its Harvest Ingathering goal this year.

Brother Arthur Edeburn, who has been called to act as secretary-treasurer of the Panama Conference, arrived in Cristobal November 5.

### COMPARISON OF FUNDS

First nine months	1929	1930
Tithe	\$88,873.00	\$89,515.00
Harvest Ingathering	15,586.41	13,606.48
Sabbath school offerings	34,259.02	33,380.52
Extension Funds	3,552.19	2,377.62
Other mission funds	2,013.49	2,073.62
Total mission funds	55,411.11	51,438.24

We are pleased to pass on to you the brief report of funds as listed above. While the tithe shows an increase of \$642.00 there is a decrease of \$3,972.87 in the mission funds from what was received for the same period of last year. In the remaining weeks of this year we are asking for the full cooperation of all our believers so that the mission offerings may not come below what was received during 1929. With our increase in membership ordinarily there should be a substantial gain over the same period of last year.

As individuals would it not be well for us to ascertain how our offerings thus far during the year compare with the amount we gave covering the same period of 1929? The Lord does not expect us to do more than we are able to do, but He does expect each one to be faithful. There has never been greater opportunities for carrying the gospel than at the present time in the different fields, still we must face this task with reduced budgets from the mission board.

Just after Jesus' resurrection when He appeared to the eleven disciples, the thought uppermost in His mind and that which was receiving His attention, was that the gospel might be carried to every part of the world. "And He said unto them, go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. "If professing Christians would faithfully bring to God their tithe and offerings, His treasury would be full."—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 338.

F. L. HARRISON.

Balboa, Canal Zone.

### PATIENCE WITH THE FAULTS OF OTHERS

#### A Golden Rule Meditation

Let me not require perfection in my brother till I am somewhat near it myself; to call them sins in other, and in myself peculiarities! I frown upon their frowns as if my face were smiling. I am harsh with their harshness, exaggerate their exaggerations, and insincerely reprimand their falsehoods.

I will no longer judge my brother; I will begin to judge myself. Shall I close my eyes to his grievous errors?—Yes, until I can open them upon my own sins. While the beam is in me, I will not play surgeon for their motes.

Then, too, what love have I for men when a single fault in them can check its course? How shallow is it when the

#### A PRAYER

"O use me in Thy service, Lord, this day: Not in mine own unhallowed, falt'ring way, But, guided by the smile of Thy dear face, May I lead others to the throne of grace.

"Not in mine own unhallowed, falt'ring way; Dear Saviour, calm my throbbing heart to pray, Hold fast my hand, and lead me safely on The path of love that takes Thy children home.

"Not in mine own unhallowed, falt'ring way! Too oft, my Lord, my erring footsteps stray; Too oft I've grieved Thy loving heart divine. O take me, Lord, and make me truly Thine!

"Then shall my work for Thee, O Prince of Peace, Be radiant with the love that ne'er shall cease; And when my earthly course for Thee is run, I'll hear those wondrous words, 'My son, well done.'"

wind of criticism can make it muddy! How sluggish it must be when even their indifference can turn it from its course!

Let me love others as I would have them love me. I am wrong today, but tomorrow I repent and forget it, and expect my dear ones to forget it, and to love just the same. So let me love them with a love that seeks excuse for their evil, rather than an increase of condemnation; with a love that is eager to forget, rather than tenacious to remember; with a love that goes more than half way to meet repentance; that goes all the way, and pleads for it.

Oh I fear that every bitter judgment of my brother's faults, that all impatient anger at my brother when he sinned, has become stern condemnation of myself to heaven! For I that knew so well how another should live, why did I not live better myself? I that was so strict to mark iniquity in others, why was I so lax with my grievous sins? Ah, forgive me, Thou who didst wear the crown of thorns; and help me to forgive men when they only throw a bramble in my way. Be gracious to me. Thou who

didst love them as they nailed Thee to the cross, and teach me to be patient when men but brush my garments rudely, Amen.—*Anon.*

"The work that lies next to our church-members is to become interested in our youth; for they need kindness, patience, tenderness, line upon line, precept upon precept. Oh, where are the fathers and mothers in Israel? There ought to be a large number who would be stewards of the grace of Christ, who would feel not merely a casual but a special interest in the young. There ought to be those whose hearts are touched by the pitiable situation in which our youth are placed, and who realize that Satan is working by every conceivable device to draw them into his net.

"Be patient, Christian soldier. Yet a little while, and He that shall come, will come. The night of weary waiting, and watching and mourning is nearly over. The reward will soon be given; the eternal day will dawn. . . . We are granted the blessed privilege of gathering sheaves in the great harvest; and every soul saved will be an additional star in the crown of Jesus, our adorable Redeemer. Who is eager to lay off the armor, when by pushing the battle a little longer he will achieve new victories and gather new trophies for eternity?—*Review and Herald, Oct. 25, 1881.*

### OBITUARY

*Nembhard*: George Henry Nembhard was born in Jamaica, August 7, 1881, and died at Las Cascadas, Canal Zone, October 21, 1930. Thirty-two years ago Brother Nembhard accepted the truth in Jamaica and remained a true and faithful worker until his death. He entered the ministry in the Panama Conference and was ordained in 1927, after having worked as a colporteur in Jamaica, Costa Rica and Panama for about ten years.

Pastor Nembhard spent several years in Bocas del Toro, having charge of the churches in that district; but ill health compelled him to come to the Isthmus where he was to take charge of the Panama church. The Lord, however, willed it otherwise. After an operation he seemed to rally for some time and special prayers were offered in his behalf, but suddenly he passed away to await the Master who will call him to new life when He appears.

Our brother will be missed among us, and the Panama Conference has lost a loyal and accomplished worker. He leaves to mourn, his wife, six children, an aged mother in Jamaica, and several brothers and sisters.

A goodly number of church-members and workers from both the Inter-American Division and the Panama Conference attended the funeral service and carried our brother to his last resting place at the Corozal cemetery.

Cristobal, C. Z.

E. J. LORNTZ.

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