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## Our Giving Counts

The plan of salvation that gives life, joy and peace to us all is the result of God's gift. Giving is divine. All heaven gives. The angels of light find pleasure in giving their tireless watch-care to us poor needy mortals. Everything that lives and grows gives. What a blessed privilege is open to us all that we may give.

Every soul saved in the kingdom of God will be there because of some one's giving. Whatever or whenever we give, we are giving only that which has been given to us. God graciously gives that we in turn may impart to others. There is nothing, save the selfish heart of man, that refuses to give.

Every advance step taken to carry the Message of God forward in all the world calls for giving. Christ the Lord of glory gives, the angelic host cheerfully give; and how becoming and Christlike is it for us, His creatures who are constantly receiving, to give. Our supply may be meager—"five barley loaves and two small fishes." It may be only "two mites." But in answer to the demand of God and with His blessing we give that the spiritual needs of all those who hunger and thirst may be supplied and our own heart's desire satisfied.

The blessed Christ is our only source of supply. The most intelligent and the most ignorant, the wealthiest and the poorest,—all can bestow only as they receive. Of ourselves we can supply nothing for the needs of humanity. We can impart only that which we receive from Christ and we can receive only as we continue to impart. Our capacity for receiving is measured by our willingness in giving. "Give and it shall be given you" is the divine rule.

Remember God gave first. He gave the best. He gave all. The richest gift of heaven was poured out that we might be uplifted, enriched and saved. Therefore, why should we refuse or hesitate to give of our first, our best, our all? "God loveth a cheerful giver." The gifts we make may be small, but if coming from a heart filled with love for the

Master and His work, they are consecrated gifts, priceless, acceptable offerings which God blesses for the advancement of His work, so why should we not delight to give liberally and cheerfully and as God has prospered us?

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### My Daily Prayer

Help me to live, dear Saviour,  
A life before all men  
That will to Thee give honor,  
Thy cause and truth defend.  
Help me to live a clean life,  
A life above all sin,  
That others 'holding my life  
May Thy salvation win.

Help me in all I do, Lord,  
Thy grace I daily need;  
Alone, I can but falter,  
With Thee I will succeed.  
Help me to choose the right, Lord,  
In every word I say.  
In all my recreations  
Help me Thy will obey.

When Satan comes to tempt me,  
Be near to hold my hand,  
Nor let me enter thresholds  
Where Christians should not stand.  
Help me to be more kind, Lord,  
To those with whom I live.  
Help me to serve Thee better,  
The world, Thy truth to give.

And when the work is done, Lord,  
And Jesus comes again  
To take His faithful children  
That they with Him may reign,  
May I be found among them,  
And join the victor's song,  
Ascribing praise and honor  
To Thee, whom praise belongs.  
—C. Lester Bond.

### CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Today the majority of people are seeking wealth, position and fame; but as Christians we do well to study and consider carefully these words of Christ which we find in Matt. 6:31-33:

"Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or Wherewithal shall we be clothed? For all these things do the Gentiles seek: for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

We are admonished to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and other necessities will be given to us. How essential it is that we do this! Unless we have on the wedding garment when our Saviour shall come, our stewardship will count for nothing and will have been in vain.

We have the following words from the wise man: "Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counselors there is safety." Prov. 11:14. When we acknowledge God as the owner and ourselves as only stewards, He comes into our lives in a very definite way and becomes our Counselor, Guide and Lord. In Proverbs 11:28 we have placed before us the uncertainty of trust in the wealth of this world in these words: "He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch."

"In civil engineering all measurements are from the base line which is the ocean level; God's ownership is the true base line for a proper survey of the whole territory of stewardship."

From 1 Cor. 4:2 we quote these words, "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." God's plan for us to have a part in the support of His cause is not alone that funds may be received to forward the Message, but our giving is an act of obedience and shows our relationship to God and is an acknowledgement of our obligation to our Creator.

One writer has said, "Money is a measure of value, representing life, labor, and time. But the way in which a man uses money profoundly affects his character." Many times from Genesis to Revelation reference is made to stewardship, and it seems the Master was very desirous of bringing the lesson very close

to each of His servants, when mention is made of it 1,565 times.

"Rightly understood and practised, tithing is an act of worship as essential as prayer and praise. Worship is the giving of self to God. Money is in a sense a part of self, representing brain and brawn. 'What shall I render unto the Lord?' asks the psalmist."—*"Stewardship,"* p. 16.

When we make a survey of present-day conditions, we are led to realize that we are in a time of depression, which is materially affecting the income to our work. In the April issue of *Current History* there appears an article by Ray B. Westerfield, professor of Political Economy in Yale University, in which he says, "In the decade ending Dec. 31, 1930, there failed in the United States 6,966 banks with liabilities of approximately \$2,000,000,000. More banks failed in 1930 than in any previous year, the total being 1,326. Nine years of depression have worked havoc with savings, farm equipment and animals, and the maintenance of buildings and soil fertility." Thus far conditions do not seem to be improving to any extent.

There is urgent need of faithfulness at this time, *that there may be meat in Mine house.* "The great needy world is starving for the bread of life and there is not enough in Mine house—the treasury of the church is to supply the need." The gospel is to go to all the world in these closing days of earth's history. If we follow carefully God's way, there will be sufficient—God's great commission will be sufficient—God's great commission will be carried out and the work finished.

"The contributions required of the Hebrews for religious and charitable purposes amounted to fully one fourth of their income. So heavy a tax upon the resources of the people might be expected to reduce them to poverty; but, on the contrary, the faithful observance of these regulations was one of the conditions of their prosperity. . . . In the days of Israel the tithe and free-will offerings were needed to maintain the ordinances of divine service. Should the people of God give less in this age?"—*"Patriarchs and Prophets,"* p. 527.

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

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### ARE WE WASTING FINANCIAL VITAMINS?

Dr. Grenfell, the well known medical missionary along the coast of Labrador, relates the story of being called to help a family. All the members were seriously ill, except two of the younger children. Cooked fish and boiled potatoes comprised their diet. Lack of vitamins appeared to be the cause of the sickness. And yet two of the children as mentioned, were in good health. Where did they obtain their vitamins?—From the

raw potato peelings left at the back door. The doctor discovered they had formed a fondness for these potato parings and had fed upon them in addition to their portion at the table.

We question earnestly if there are not numberless financial "vitamins" being wasted, which otherwise might prevent the leanness of the business world, as the following annual statistics from the United States alone hold our attention:

"Over \$1,000,000,000 spent for cigarettes.  
"Over \$275,000,000 spent for perfumery and face paint.  
"Over \$650,000,000 for jewelry and \$700,000,000 for candy.  
"Over \$1,000,000,000 for theaters and movies.  
"Over \$90,000,000 for chewing gum."  
—*Christian Observer.*

We must agree with David Lloyd George when he says, "We are not passing through but into a crisis." Let us face the question squarely. Are we deriving all the "vitamins" contained in the funds we consume, or are we wasting them in needless expenditures? We read that fashions in women's dresses have not changed in Japan in 2,500 years. What a saving this would mean if true in some other countries. Slaves to fashion never have time nor means to do aught but "keep in style."

One of the most unique towns in the world is Bloomfield, Nebraska, known as the all-cash town. Merchants agreed that anyone selling anything on credit may be fined \$100.00, but in two years there have been no violations. Why? Because the cash system is the most profitable and satisfactory. Does a man ever expect credit when he steps in to purchase a package of cigarettes or a pound of candy, a theater ticket or a package of gum? Assuredly no. A partial secret, perhaps, of the large figures above mentioned. Suffice it to say that such large sums of money spent for such non-profitable things but add to the ever-increasing signs that point us to the end of time, and stand out as a direct fulfilment of the prophecy found in 2 Tim. 3:1-4: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves . . . lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God."

A London newspaper awarded its prize to the following as the best definition of "money":

"Money is an article which may be used as a universal passport to everywhere except heaven, and as a universal provider of everything except happiness."

We do know that countless dollars are spent in quest of happiness and yet true happiness is synonymous with heaven. The worth-while things of life are far beyond the power of earthly wealth to secure or hold. Can money buy love, faith, health, or children? We do well to heed these lines:

"The six best doctors anywhere—and no one can deny it—are Doctors Sunshine, Water, Air, Rest, Exercise and Diet. The six will gladly you attend, if only you are willing; your mind they'll clear, your ills they'll mend, and charge you not one shilling."

And while the statesmen and monarchs of the earth wrestle with the mighty problems of capital and labor, the humble pen of a contributor to the *Canadian Watchman Magazine* touches the sore spot of human ills in these words: "More religion—rather than legislation is the need of the hour." From the *Religious Telescope* we choose this gem of thought on the Holy Bible:

"Ah, no the soul ne'er found relief  
In glittering hoards of wealth;  
Gems dazzle not the eyes of grief;  
Gold cannot purchase health,—  
But here's a blessed balm  
For every human woe,  
And they that seek this Book in tears,  
Their tears shall cease to flow."

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### A CHURCH ON FIRE

I am not writing about a calamity that has befallen one of our church buildings, but of a wonderful experience that has come to a church in Barbados. Although the Message has been preached there for some thirty years it has made slow progress. Less than one year ago there was bitterness and strife among the members of this church. Their greatest interest seemed to be centered upon themselves and how they were abused by others.

But a new experience has come to this church. The center of focus has been turned from themselves to others, and so strife and backbiting have been forgotten. Their whole thought now is how they can win others to this Message.

### A Wonderful Prayer-meeting

A few days ago it was my privilege to attend a prayer-meeting at Barbados. At the hour appointed the church was full. The leader read a few words on the importance of Christian service. An earnest season of prayer followed. The desire for prayer was so great that many would lift their voices together at the close of each prayer that they might be the next. After some time the leader had to close this part of the meeting while the desire for prayer was still at its height.

The social meeting that followed was even more earnest. Not a moment was left unoccupied for nearly one hour. There were no long tedious prayers or testimonies which consisted of words

only. They were examples of definite victories and definite experiences the believers were having in working for others. Some of the most thrilling things that God was doing for their neighbors that I have ever heard were related. It made one think he was reading of the experiences of the early church. If I could judge aright many hundred homes are being visited by lay members of this church each week. I wish you could have seen the joy that was expressed in their faces as they told of this one and that one that was becoming interested or had decided to keep the commandments of God.

At the close of the meeting Pastor Gardiner was kept busy taking addresses of persons who had become interested during the week. God is wonderfully blessing the efforts of these earnest people. Never a week passes but from three to eight sign the covenant and join the baptismal class.

One can understand with such a band of earnest praying church workers why they have been able to baptize more than one hundred and fifty persons in Barbados during the past six months. What has happened to this church? O, the members have been set to work for the Master, and sweet is the service! Not all the joy of seeing souls return to the Lord is reserved for those in heaven, but it is our privilege to "enter into the joy of thy Lord" here on this earth.

I am much encouraged as I mingle with the members of this church to find that the one subject that permeates all their thoughts is the winning of others to the Lord. Yesterday when I took my laundry to a sister, she could hardly wait until I had given her instructions regarding the work, before, with her face lighted up, she began to tell Pastor Gardiner of some one she had interested in the truth, and besought him to visit her as soon as possible. She does washing to pay expenses but her business in life is the winning of souls. This is as it should be for we are told that "Whatever one's calling in life, his first interest should be to win souls for Christ."—*"Desire of Ages,"* p. 822.

Wherever you find a church active in missionary work, there strife and discord are banished from among its members; and then the Lord can add to their members those who will be saved. But in many places our "churches are withering up because they have failed to use their talents in diffusing light."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. VI, p. 431.

"The great outpouring of the Spirit of God . . . will not come until we have an enlightened people, that know by experience what it means to be laborers together with God. When we have entire wholehearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of His Spirit without measure; but this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not laborers together with God."—*Review and Herald, July 21, 1896.*

If your church is not "on fire" there is a cause. Let all work for others. If your prayer-meeting is lifeless and only a few attend, set them to work for their neighbors.

L. V. FINSTER.

*Balboa, Canal Zone.*

**IN THE CARIBBEAN UNION**

While our steamer stopped at Curacao I had the pleasure of speaking to our church at their prayer-meeting. The following Sabbath I was with our church at Caracas, Venezuela. When our ship arrived at Port-of-Spain, I was met by Pastor C. E. Andross, his daughter Barbara, and Brother Howard.

**In Trinidad**

The brethren had plans laid for four week-end conventions and visits to several other churches, besides Harvest In-gathering work between times. I was greatly pleased with the hearty co-operation of Pastor C. E. Andross and his good wife. They attended all the conventions held on the island of Trinidad, and rendered valuable service at all the meetings. The South Caribbean Conference is fortunate in having a wide awake home missionary leader, Pastor Benjamin Yip. He attended all the con-

ventions to the Lord. Plans were laid at the conventions for systematic distribution of our literature to every home. How quickly could the Message for this time be given to the world if every one would do his part. Our hearts were greatly cheered by the prospects before the churches in the South Caribbean Conference. Under the capable leadership of Brother Yip we expect a great work done for God in the winning of many souls for His kingdom.

**In Guiana**

After spending about one month in Trinidad we took steamer April 23 for Guiana. We arrived very early in the morning; but Brother King was at the boat to meet us, and we were soon at his hospitable home. After breakfast we went to the church for Sabbath school, where the believers gave us a very hearty welcome. As soon as Sabbath school closed we opened our convention work, and were glad to see so large a number attend all the meetings. In the past some had held back in the organization of bands for work, but we believe a victory was gained and that definite work will now be carried out by each member of the church. The last Sunday night meeting was especially well attended.

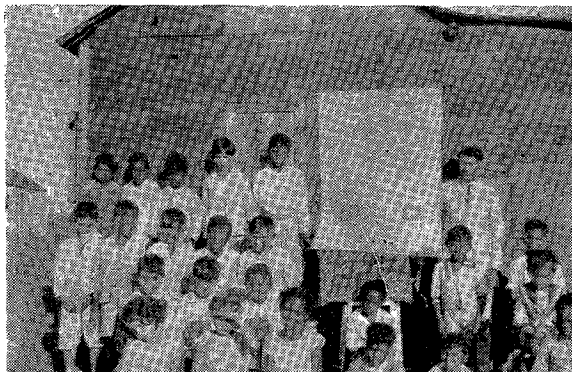
Early Monday morning we left Georgetown for the Pomerion district where Brother Carrington is located. Traveling in Guiana is very tedious. In making this journey of sixty-five miles we had to change our mode of travel five times. The Essequibo River, which we crossed, is twenty-five miles wide.

During the week we were able to hold conventions at two of the churches. Our brethren all live along the Pome-

ron River. There are no roads so all come to the church in their little dug-outs. It was interesting to see the people leaving for their homes in these fifty or sixty little boats or dug-outs.

The brethren are determined to carry the Message to all who live up and down this river and plans were laid at these meetings for better organization. One lady was holding cottage meetings with sixteen regular attendants. The last meeting was crowded with non-Adventists who were anxious to hear the Word of God.

The next week-end was spent at New Amsterdam where Pastor Riley is located. The church at that place is very active in missionary work. More than one-half of all the persons baptized last year in Guiana were from that district. They have set for their goal this year



One of our church schools in Venezuela

ventions and his words of courage were a great help to all.

As we tried to lay before the church members the part they must act in the finishing of this Message, and the privilege God has given them in being His co-workers, we found a hearty response. What is greatly needed in all our churches is some one to lead them out into active service.

We are glad to find active work being carried on by many of our members. At one church we found the elder holding cottage meetings in his own home, with a good interest. At another place a lay brother was holding cottage meetings with a large number attending. Already nine had begun to keep the Sabbath and about eighteen or twenty more were deeply interested. Many told of blessings they had received in bringing

the doubling of their last year's record.

There are great opportunities for the spreading of the Message in Guiana, and we look for great results in that interesting field. It has been a great privilege to meet our brethren in these conferences and to see their loyalty to God and their willingness to unite their efforts in the finishing of the work of God in the earth.

L. V. FINSTER.

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### SORRY TO LEAVE THE INDIANS

One of the most sorrowful days of my experience was when we said goodbye to our dear red skinned children back there in the interior, for we love these dear children of nature so much so that I often find myself thinking and praying for them at night when I am unable to sleep. I can still see them standing in our boat loathe to say goodbye, although the captain had already blown his whistle for them to leave, and the tears were just streaming down their cheeks. As we pulled away their last words to us were, "You must come back. We do not want the Catholics to come for they will not teach us the true Word of God."

Mrs. A. W. COTT.

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### HELP NEEDED AT MT. RORAIMA

The way that the Lord prepared the hearts of the Indians of Mt. Roraima many years ago for this Message is a wonderful story. The testimony that we have heard from the Indians themselves show that they learned nearly all the truths that we as a people teach from an old chief by the name of Owka, whom they call their prophet. The Lord

has indeed worked mightily for these people so far removed from civilizing influence and human help.

Chief Henerita and his people have built a large mission house at Luaba in the Apongwong area, and a good church building is under construction. He and his wife and others are giving earnest heed to the truths taught them, and are bringing their lives into harmony with the Message.

At Coomaramaru we found that the Indians are very anxious to follow all the light that they received. During our stay there we had to sleep under a shelter quite close to the huts of the village, and we heard the Indians praying and singing most of the first night of our visit.

We would like to see more accomplished than is being done for the 408 children and young people who are enrolled in the membership of our mission schools. With present limited facilities most of these schools are not operating now as we have no teachers to send to them. The young people are anxious to learn. It would be most gratifying if we could bring out some of these promising students to Trinidad and give them an opportunity to obtain further valuable training at the Caribbean Training College.

When on the trail visiting other villages we often meet our young people who have attended school in the past at Acurima. We notice that such young people are so far ahead of all others, including adults, in their knowledge of Bible subjects and other things. They are a great help in the Sabbath schools. Some can teach a class and even review the school if necessary.

The Lord is laying the burden of the

work upon the Indians who know the Message, and it is evident that the plan of preparing them for such work must be largely followed in our program. We need nearly two scores of trained Indian missionaries who could be well employed in caring for the present interest in the various parts of the field, and in preparing the ground for future work.

The following out of the above plan, however, does not preclude the necessity of having sufficient outside help and workers who can train the Indians and supervise their work. Indians are lacking in the qualifications of leadership and initiative, but they will follow plans and carry out instruction given to them. We have Indians sufficiently trained so that they can visit other villages and hold meetings. Such workers can take their literature with them and read from it in their own language. They can also take pictures along with which to illustrate the various Bible topics that they are presenting. Such visits from native workers leave a lasting impression in the field and we believe that much good will result from them.

We have nine baptized believers to report for the present year. These believers are the first Indians of the Mt. Roraima Mission to receive this rite. We hope to hold another baptismal service in the near future.

A. W. COTT.

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### OUR PANAMA SABBATH SCHOOLS

The Sabbath school brings in new believers and strengthens those who are already church members. In many places where there were only small Sabbath schools a few years ago there are well established churches today. How happy we should be to be members of this great educational and soul-winning institution!

During the past two years 168 Sabbath school members were baptized. We praise the Lord for these, but by His help we can make this only a beginning if every Sabbath school member will take upon himself the burden of enlisting new members from among his neighbors and friends.

While we thus work for others we may keep our own minds refreshed by the daily study of the truths found in God's Word. During the year 1930 there were 1071 honor cards issued. This means that each quarter last year one out of every five church members in our conference gained a great blessing by being present and on time at Sabbath school each week with a daily-studied



Sabbath school members in Cali, Colombia

lesson. This is a gain of 149 over the year 1929. If we gain along this line the work of God will go forward even though our crops may fail and times be hard.

There is another gain of which I am proud because it means that our people are faithful. There were seventy-eight bookmarks given for a year's perfect record in 1929 and 108 in 1930. During the year 1930 more bookmarks were sent out than during 1927 and 1928 together.

I regret to give you the comparisons in offerings, but if we know just where we stand, we can all lift together and the work of God will soon be finished. The net decrease in all Sabbath school offerings for the last two years is \$962.-94. This decrease came in 1930 because most of the figures are higher in 1929 than in either 1927 or 1928. This decrease could have been avoided had each church member in this conference given only one cent more each week. There was a gain in Birthday offerings of \$29.-99; and in the Investment Fund of \$267.13.

Pennants are given to the Sabbath schools that reach an average of 65% in both offerings and honor cards. The Balboa Sabbath school held her pennant throughout the two years, while the Panama (Spanish) Sabbath school kept hers during 1929 and Represo has held hers since the third quarter of 1929. Buena Vista, Cristobal, and Viento Frio have had pennants four times during the two years, but have not held them for an entire year. We are hoping to be able to send out many more pennants during the remainder of this year.

We thank the Lord for His goodness to us and for the local secretaries scattered throughout the field who by their faithfulness and promptness have made this report possible.

MRS. ARTHUR L. EDEBURN.  
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### ALONG THE SHORES OF LAKE GATUN

About three years ago Sister Maria Ramirez of the Cristobal Spanish church, while selling merchandise and truth-filled literature, like the Waldenses, carried the Word of God to the inhabitants of the mountains of Ciricito. As a result of this work we have today a good Sabbath school of twenty members, six of whom are ready for baptism and others preparing. The future for the Message in this part of Panama is encouraging, for wherever we go we find the people have a knowledge of the Sabbath and the coming of the Saviour. Enthusiastically they listen to the news of salvation, and are quick to forsake their idols, bad habits and other things in which they previously took pleasure.



Church in Georgetown, Grand Cayman, and some of the believers starting out on a Signs campaign

The writer spent about four weeks in visiting these various places of interest. In Ciricito several families were suffering from heavy colds. Sickness was found in every home. Trusting in the Lord and the efficiency of hydrotherapy, we began to give treatments. While doing this, words of hope and trust in the Lord Jesus were spoken. We prayed fervently to the great Physician. Our prayers were answered and one by one the sick began to recover. Two weeks were spent in this ministry. However, the enemy also has friends there who speak evil of the brethren who have accepted the Message; but in spite of this, many came to us for treatments and we took this opportunity of speaking to them of the true God. Our brethren there have a very pretty site near the highway over which hundreds of people pass each week, and here they plan to erect their own church, where they can praise God each Sabbath.

Leaving on horseback, we traveled about half a day through virgin jungle where it was necessary to open the trail by using a *machette*. Arriving at Rio Indio, we found another group of interested believers. Only twice have they heard the voice of an Adventist preacher. Three treatments were given, and as we talked of the love of Christ they requested us to remain one day longer.

Two hours' farther travel inland by *cayuco* on a rapid river brought us to the little town of Palma Real. Our object here was to speak to the school teacher, who, through lack of information, was speaking ill of our work. I left with him a New Testament and some tracts, after an hour's study, trust-

ing that the Lord who knows hearts, would change his heart toward us.

We found another group of interested folks at Vino Tinto. Some are going to be married and later baptized. Many questions were asked on the duties of a Christian. Early Sabbath morning together with all the brethren from Vino Tinto, we embarked in a large *cayuco* to attend Sabbath school at Trinidad River. A voyage of two hours among the innumerable tree trunks of Gatun Lake brought us safely to the small church. A little before ten o'clock we saw coming toward us from all directions *cayucos* filled with Sabbath school members. Some of the members of this Sabbath school are Spanish and some English. It was very interesting to hear them sing the same hymn in both languages at the same time. All enjoyed the spiritual feast and rest. As the sun was disappearing to make way for a new day, the small boats left, laden with the faithful children of God on their homeward voyage. Their faces reflected contentment and happiness for having kept one more Sabbath, and while their *cayucos* plowed the peaceful waters of the lake, we could hear these dear believers singing the sweet words, "Safely through another week, God has brought us on our way." EUGENIO PLATA.

Cali, Colombia.

"The smallest and meanest emergency calls for the truest and divinest principles of life. Christ lived for years in a village which was so despised that it was a byword in the land. Yet from its daily happenings He drew His parables."

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**A VISIT TO OUR SCHOOL**

In company with Pastor L. V. Cleaves, the superintendent of the mission, and Brother Fred Steeves, the field secretary of our union, the writer had the pleasure of making his first visit to our school in the interior of Venezuela. The school is situated in the *llanos* about six hundred kilometers from our headquarters in Caracas. It is accessible by auto during the dry season only because during the rainy season the plains are flooded.

We left Caracas about noon one Sunday in our little mission Ford. Three hours' travel on a good concrete road and through beautiful mountain scenery brought us to La Villa de Cura, situated in a scenic valley among the foothills. There we have a small church. Being anxious to get to the school the following day, we spent only a few minutes there. As we left that little village the country road wound in and out along a pretty little brooklet for a while, and then led us around through the foothills, leaving the mountains behind.

Night came upon us out in the plains. When the king of day hides his face behind the western horizon, darkness comes almost at once. The long twilight hours of the northland are not known here. As we were gliding along, talking about where we should spend the night, we spotted a road leading through the brush to a country house. The people of the *llanos* are very hospitable and we soon had permission to spend the night under a big tree close to the house. The cold north wind drove sleep from our eyes in the early hours of the morning, so at five o'clock we were up taking a few exercises in gymnastics to get a little warmth into our frigid limbs before starting out for the rest of the journey.

A few hours' travel in the morning brought us to the end of the road, to the point where the real *llanos* begin. But where the road ended, the trail began, and we followed along that trail for six hours before reaching the school. I had heard descriptions of the *llanos*, but I must say that a personal experience can tell more than can be expressed in words. It is true that there is only a trail to follow, that it is long and crooked, and the way is dusty and rough, and that during the day the sun makes it hot for the travelers, but in spite of it all there is a beauty and an attraction to the plains. I had the privilege of seeing the beautiful sunrise, and the gorgeous sight of the full moon coming forth from her hiding place among the distant trees. I also saw the setting sun painting the western sky with delicate tints behind a horizon decorated

with towering palms. As we left the plain grove, the trail led us out into a large open meadow. On the west we could see the living green along the river bank, and to the east large herds of cattle of various colors dotted the prairies as far as we could distinguish. Beyond the cattle, the mirage carried our vision to the point where the earth and sky apparently met.

We reached the town of Camaguan about 3:30 Monday afternoon, and received a very hearty welcome from the splendid group of students and our teachers, Brother and Sister R. E. Greenidge and their son, Lewis. As we took a peep into the mirror we hardly recognized ourselves, but soap and water freely applied brought back the natural complexion and a refreshed feeling.

As the program was not to begin until 8:00 we went to look over the town and the school grounds and buildings. Our school is located in the center of the town. It occupies a whole city block, neatly enclosed by a zinc fence. Just across the street is the city plaza. We have three main buildings all inside the school lot. I was surprised to see

**The Message**

We've a story to tell to the nations,  
 That shall turn their hearts to the right;  
 A story of truth and sweetness,  
 A story of peace and light.  
 We've a Saviour to show to the nations,  
 Who the path of sorrow has trod,  
 That all of the world's great peoples  
 Might come to the truth of God.  
 —Colin Sterne.

the nice plastered church building, capable of seating 200 persons. It has a good concrete floor, and a built-in baptistry. The school building is also neat, well ventilated and of equal capacity to that of the church. It is plastered and has built-in blackboards.

In the same building with the girls dormitory, is the dining room and living quarters of Brother and Sister Greenidge. Sister Greenidge knows how to prepare good food, and Brother Greenidge is liberal with the oranges. There are several fruit trees on the place, and a good garden spot with very fertile soil. The drinking water comes from a large cistern that is filled with pure rain water which keeps fresh and pure all during the dry season, because the cistern is set down in the ground. In my estimation the school promises to each student a training in the mental, physical and spiritual branches of education recommended to us by the Spirit of Prophecy.

At the hour appointed we made our way over to the school where the graduating exercises were to be held. We

found every seat taken except the ones they had reserved for us. All the standing room was taken too, and the street was full of people in front of the building besides those who were lined up looking in through the windows. The *jefe civil* (mayor) and his secretary were there in reserved seats at the front. Brother Greenidge seated himself at the organ, and soon the march began. It was a beautiful sight to see about fifty children, dressed in their white uniforms, come marching in, keeping step to the music. After they were seated the three graduates marched in and took their places on the platform beautifully decorated for the occasion. Each graduate gave her part entirely from memory and in a clear voice so that all could hear without effort.

As I listened to the program I was led to marvel. What wonders God can work through human hands consecrated to Him! At first our school met with opposition, but its sweet influence has gone out through all the *llanos* and now it is well spoken of. I understand that half the students are from Catholic families. We feel to thank God for the work that the school has done, and hope that more of these schools can be established to train our youth for the Master's service. R. ORAL GARNER.

Caracas, Venezuela.

**INSTITUTE IN PACIFIC COLOMBIA**

The third of May I arrived in Cali, the metropolis of Pacific Colombia and the center of a fast growing work. Here in this pleasing location in the beautiful Cauca River valley the Third Angel's Message is making progress. Sabbath, the day before I arrived, was a blessed day in this place when after a baptismal service twenty-three precious believers were organized into a church. This was indeed an appropriate time to hold a colporteurs' institute and instruct some of these new believers in going out to search for others.

Pastor Kinzer had arrangements all made for the meetings when I arrived and was present throughout the institute to help with the instruction. Brother Eugenio Plata has just come to us from the Panama Conference and will lead the colporteur army in this and the Upper Magdalena Mission. His enthusiastic efforts along with those of his good brother, Carlos Plata, went a long way in making the institute a success. We were also favored in having with us Brother E. W. Everest of the Pacific Press. We not only appreciate his help and counsel in the institute but we are glad that he will now become acquainted with the needs and possibilities of this great new field just opening to the Message.

Eight colporteurs attended the meeting of which seven are new recruits.

Their deep interest was manifested in splendid attention and perfect attendance. Not one colporteur was absent or late throughout the whole meeting. The winning of souls was placed as the only worthy object for engaging in the colporteur work, and with this motive in mind they are going forth to hunt for men, expecting great things because of what God can do.

Four are going to work with the large religious books in combination with *El Centinela*, and four with the set of five small books. Based upon a conservative individual goal of books delivered every day, we made our goal for those going forth from this institute \$8,960.00 worth of books delivered in the remaining seven months of the year. At least two of these young people will be working for scholarships to attend the school in Costa Rica. At the close of the institute Brother Eugenio Plata and I are going out with the colporteurs a few weeks before leaving for another institute in Bogota. I believe this newly organized army of soul winners will be the means of bringing the glad tidings to many. Let us pray that their faith and courage fail not.

FRED W. STEEVES.

Medellin, Colombia.

**ESCORTED TO MEETINGS BY POLICE**

While I was in the mayor's office, the priest, a young man, entered and threatened to drive me from his town. But the Lord raised up a friend in the chief of police, who told him that he would defend me. The provincial authorities sent me this telegram:

"The government supports you amply in your rights of religious meetings. The mayor has been advised to protect you according to the law."

The next Sabbath I went to the police station as soon as I arrived in town and at once two policemen accompanied me across the market square and up the main street to our place of meeting. The Lord has helped us much in the present government. Whereas over a year ago the police made me leave town, today they take me to our meetings. I had sent the president of the republic a memorial, saying that I had enjoyed the liberty of evangelistic work in Colombia under the foregoing administrations and would appreciate the same privilege in the future.

At the same time I told him in a few words why we believe in the soon coming of Christ and in the holy law of God, and that our benevolent work was being carried today in more than 394 languages the world over. Some time after that I received an answer from the president's secretary and also from the minister of the interior, saying the provincial authorities had been advised of full support. Whenever I

go any distance to visit interested ones, the sergeant sends a police with me if he can not go with me himself. I am in the midst of an effort here and I believe some good will come from it. It was here that a year and a half ago they attempted to dispose of me and I hope to raise up a monument, not for myself, but for the truth of God.

The first week I gave lectures (illustrated) on health and temperance to which the mayor and his associate officials came. This won the general favor of the town. The chart of the law many read, and the new world-map astonishes the people favorably with our great work. The attendance is not large but those that come regularly tell others what they hear and pass on the literature. The Lord is blessing. I have calls from three different sections in the country. The family of the young man whom the Lord used to save my life more than a year ago is ready for baptismal studies. Others are thinking seriously. These valleys and mountains are dotted with sincere hearts that are looking for the Message for our time. I confide in the all-powerful help of the Holy Spirit.

MAX TRUMMER.

Quinchia, Colombia.

**SOWING AND REAPING**

It can be said that practically during the last seven or eight months a continuous effort has been held in Cali, in a hall only one block from the central plaza. The hall is large enough to accommodate comfortably 250 persons. During the first part of the effort the writer was accompanied by Pastor H. E. Baasch.

As a direct result of the effort during the last three months of last year, we were able to baptize thirteen. The effort was then closed during the absence of the writer, but upon his return was continued until the early days of May.

As a result of God's special blessings in this effort, nineteen were baptized, while eight are preparing to take the same step soon. Now we have just had the pleasure of organizing the first church in this part of Colombia, with twenty-three residents of Cali as members.

"To God be the glory! Great things He hath done!"

N. H. KINZER.

Cali, Colombia.

**FOOD FOR MEDITATION**

I wish to tell you something of the progress of the work in the two missions, Pacific Colombia and Upper Magdalena. We now have a membership of 23 in the Cali church, having baptized 19 during the past few months. The membership of the Pacific Colombia mission

is 55. We are hoping to be able to raise that figure to 100 soon.

We were privileged to have with us during the colporteur institute, Brother Everest and Brother Steeves, who have been a splendid help. We are well pleased with our new field man, Brother Eugenio Plata, and also our new Book and Bible House man, Brother Carlos Plata. God willing, we are setting plans to reach a goal of \$16,000.00 worth of literature sold in these two missions this year, although we have only seven months left.

A telegram from Pastor Baasch says he has over 150 out to his meetings without announcing them. One of our colporteurs reports that hundreds are awaiting the arrival of a worker over in the Bayaca district. One town offers to pay the expense of bringing a worker to them. Letters and supplications are coming in from all parts. I just received word that twenty-five are ready for baptism over in Tolima.

This was a big day of victory for the Liberals in Colombia. The paper says also that the senate passed the Sunday bill for Colombia, obligating all stores, barber shops, drug stores, restaurants, etc., to close. The end of all things is near and it is time for us, workers in Colombia, to launch out in greater evangelism and reap the honest in heart.

Cali, Colombia. N. H. KINZER.

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**SIERRA MADRE MISSION**

Many changes have taken place in the Sierra Madre Mission within the past year. Undoubtedly it was a blessing for this field when the territory was reduced to about half its former size. It is still very large and awkward to handle. The Sierra Madre Range runs through the middle of it. This separates the western part, which includes the states of Lower California, Sonora and northern Sinaloa, from headquarters, which are located in Chihuahua City, Chihuahua. Thus to reach the western portion, we must travel through the United States or else through portions of the Gulf, Central and Lake Missions.

Practically all the workers here have only recently entered this field. Brother Chavez joined our force from the Phoenix Academy as a Bible worker and is now located at Meoqui, Chih. An old-time and faithful canvasser from the Central Mission, Brother Andres Perez, with his family, was permitted to enter this field. Later his daughter and son-in-law also came to fill in the ranks. Since the arrival of Brother Arteaga and family in San Buenaventura they have

an attendance at Sabbath school of twenty-five. There are also several members in their newly organized baptismal class. Brother Cleofas Aguirre was asked to head up our new church in Guadalupe, Chih., and take care of the increasing interests in that valley on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande. We miss his help in the office but the demand in that field was so great that we felt it better to work a little harder, and in that way see more souls won during this year.

Brother Marcial Serna, who has been in our work for over thirty-five years of continual service, asked to work in this mission, as his burden is naturally for the Mexican people. He is doing a fine work in Nogales. We are happy to number among our faithful corps of workers two self-supporting doctors with their wives, both trained nurses, who are operating a nicely equipped little hospital at Esperanza, Sonora, besides doing clinical work. Much is being accomplished in helping the poor and in bringing our Message before people of all classes.

Brother Leonides Leyva has been working in Ciudad Obregon, Esperanza and Cororit, Sonora for a little over a year. The attendance at the night meetings in one town alone was well over a hundred. Sometime ago nine were baptized and many are awaiting that sacred rite. The work there is being supported from a special donation made by Captain Thomas Hall in the interest of the work in that territory.

The outlook for this field is most promising. All the workers are of good courage and working hard for the Master. Our Sabbath school membership is now as large as it was when the field was divided. Other departments are also growing. Several men are asking to enter the colporteur work. Surely, Mexico is a field of opportunity and, if we can secure the means and workers, the harvest will increase continually till the glad day when we may fully see the fruits of our labors.

ERNEST POHLE.

*Chihuahua City, Chih., Mexico.*

### **YOUNG PEOPLE AT WORK IN MEXICO**

In visiting our churches and societies in Mexico most of our visiting brethren are forcefully impressed with the many bright young people who are growing into manhood and womanhood without school privileges as we know them in other parts of the world.

To help supply this need the Central Mexican Mission for several years has carried on a workers' training course for three or four months each year, thus developing for the work, fifteen or more young people as teachers, colporteurs, or Bible workers.

With these workers we have instituted the "itinerating teacher," or a plan whereby our young people go out to the many outlying districts in the mountains and hold school for three or four months at a time. These schools are among our own people, but we also receive as many non-Adventists as seems consistent with our program. These teachers teach the children during the morning hours and at night by lamp light you may see them with some twenty-five or more adults in a class, teaching them to read and write. Each teacher is supplied with a small suitcase trunk, a folding blackboard and the supply of books, chalk, pencils, etc. One young teacher reports that her pupils range from twelve to fifty-five years in age.

These young teachers are taken from among our colporteurs, and so, as they are trained in the sale of books, they



The young woman in Mexico who won sixty persons for Christ

become recruiting agents for the mission to interest new ones in this work. They take an active part in all of the missionary activities of the church, stimulating the local churches and helping them in their programs of missionary endeavor. We now have seven of these young people in this line of work, eight in the colporteur work and five who have been called into the regular service as Bible workers.

One of our young people, Altagracia Ruiz, was very desirous of attending our training school to prepare for the work. She heard of the good work that was

being accomplished by her fellow believers and so longed to go to school. Her father, however, was not inclined to allow his daughter to leave home and go over the mountains for many days to the Mexican capital to attend our training school, so he told her that she would have to stay at home.

Altagracia at first felt sorry not to be able to attend the training school with the other students, but she determined to make the most of the situation and do all that she could for the Lord at home. She began to visit the neighbors and to study the Bible with them. As there was no Sabbath school in her home town she organized a school in her home and invited her friends and neighbors to attend. Her school grew and others wanted to hear about the truth as was taught by this young sister. At the Sabbath school convention held at Tuxpan, which she attended, she told the story of the conversion of sixty persons won for Christ through her efforts.

There should be a multitude of workers such as we have going from town to town, giving this last warning Message. Our school is practically self-supporting. Our young people are called from the canvassing ranks to do this work. They work part of the day and study part of the day. We are receiving a donation which will be a great benefit for this work in Mexico. It is the medical dispensary which has been granted to us through the Big Week fund. This will give these young people a short course in emergency work, hygiene, treatments, care of the sick, etc. This will add greatly to our efficiency in educating our young people for the great work of carrying the everlasting gospel to the Mexican people. These young people are going out by faith, anxious to have a part in the last Message, and looking for that recompense that the Lord will give to those who serve Him.

C. E. MOON.

*Tacubaya, Mexico.*

### **WORTH THE PRICE**

(Taken from a personal letter.)

We have greatly enjoyed our work in this part of the field. We were just as happy when we returned last June after a few weeks in the homeland, as we could possibly have been had we been going home after a long absence. There are many problems, it is true. There are some perplexities and I will admit some disappointments, but as a whole our experience in Mexico we count among the happiest of our lives. We have seen our Message transform lives in a marvelous way. We have seen wonderful victories.

I am going to tell you about a young man who was converted sometime ago. For some time I noticed him in the services. He looked like his face had



been badly scarred from burns, but we learned later that they were scars left from ulcers, and that he had suffered from disease since childhood. He had spent practically all he had earned trying to get cured. Soon after he began attending services he requested baptism. At the time they were constructing a baptismal font for the church in the *patio* of one of our sisters.

It was not yet completed when the young man's father came one day and said his son was very ill, and that the doctors said there was no hope for him and that he could only live a few days at most. I never saw a soul more terrified at the thought of death. My husband talked with the father and told him that if it was the Lord's will, He could raise him up and he could yet be baptized, but that he would rest his case in God's hands.

The Lord did hear the prayers of that poor boy and he improved so much that he was able to be baptized, and received the assurance of the forgiveness of his sins so that when the end came a few weeks later, although he was conscious until the last moment, he had not a fear, and he enjoyed perfect peace and rest until the last. Even after death had closed his eyes, his face seemed to shine with the light of the faith and trust that had completely possessed his soul. It was the most triumphant death I have ever witnessed, and it has made me feel ever since, that if he should be the only one who was saved in Mexico since we came, our work has not been in vain.

MRS. A. G. PARFITT.

*Saltillo, Mexico.*

### THE GOD OF DANIEL STILL LIVES

Recently we received a letter from one of our faithful colporteurs. When we read it our minds went back to the experience of the three Hebrew children when cast into the fiery furnace and the king saw four persons walking about in the fire. Following is part of the letter:

"I have the pleasure of relating an experience that Brother Stephen and I had recently. We were returning from a ranch. We arrived at a place with a forest on one side and mountains on the other, about six o'clock in the evening. Suddenly a storm overtook us and we were trying hard to reach the home where we were to spend the night. A man came toward us on horseback, we could see him coming quite a distance. As he came to us we recognized him as one of our clients. Finally we arrived at our destination.

"The next morning we started on our march, and again we met the man that we had met the night before. This time he stopped and asked if we were not the same people that he had passed the evening before. We replied that we were. Then he said, 'But there was another man walking just ahead of you yesterday, where is he now?'

"Brother, we know that the angel of the Lord was with us, guiding the way through the storm, for we know that He walks with His brave messengers who are carrying His Word."

Our prayer is that God may bless these faithful sentinels that brave all dangers to carry the gospel to the four corners of the earth.

MRS. F. L. E. ULMER.

*Puebla, Puebla, Mexico.*

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### AN OUTSTANDING ILLUSTRATION OF GROWTH IN SABBATH SCHOOL WORK

The following figures gleaned from a four-year record of the Santo Domingo Mission Sabbath school report are indeed, an outstanding illustration of the possibilities before the Sabbath school as a soul winning agency.

At the beginning of 1927 this mission had a total Sabbath school membership of 288; in 1928 the membership increased to 589; 1929 closed with a membership of 800, and this number grew to 1,050 during 1930. Surely, that is a very encouraging growth and is evidence of what might be accomplished by our Sabbath schools in other fields.

The contributions also have shown a splendid growth, being \$1,281.99 in 1927 and increasing to \$2,349.67 for 1930. Remember that Santo Domingo City, the capital, where the largest Sabbath school of this mission is conducted, was practically destroyed by a hurricane September 3, 1930. For many weeks the church building lay in ruins. Meanwhile the Sabbath school was conducted in the open tent, and notwithstanding conditions during that year of catastrophe the Sabbath school offerings amounted to the splendid sum just mentioned.

But best of all the temporary structure, which has been erected on the site of the building destroyed by the storm, is now the home of a Sabbath school numbering over 400 members. Wind and storm may lay in ruins the material building but God's Message lives on and grows.

If all could have been present with us during our five days' workers' meetings held in Santo Domingo City in March they would have been convinced that nothing can stop the progress of this Message. We recognize this growth as a direct result of the Spirit of God, although the human agencies are being used for the accomplishment of the good work done. To the Lord be all the praise for such encouraging evidences of growth and advancement in this field. May the results of 1931 be equally encouraging in this and all other fields of our Antillian Union.

A. R. OGDEN.

*Havana, Cuba.*

### ONWARD IN PORTO RICO

It is early morning. The sun has not yet risen, but I am in the office at work, for we have lost our secretary-treasurer, and I am anxious to have the reports in on time.

Just a line or two to the MESSENGER this month to let you know that we of Porto Rico are of good courage and have pledged ourselves anew to the work that has been entrusted to us.

This year the people have taken hold of the Harvest Ingathering campaign as never before. Almost every one has done his part, and although times are really hard here we have been able to gather in some funds for the work. Last night in posting the books I found that up to date we have gathered in about \$1,600.00. Three churches have already made their goals and some others are quite near.

I am convinced that God has blessed us in a remarkable way this year. Personally, I have found it very easy to get money. There have been very few refusals. Brother Achenbach and I visited a certain company and the treasurer said, "No use to come for we are losing money and cannot give you anything." I said, "Thank you and good-day." Later we went back and saw the vice-president who gave us \$25.00.

On another occasion we visited a sugar factory and the manager met us at the door and said, "If you gentlemen are begging we have no time for you today. We are not giving." I said to him, "No, we are not begging, I have come to talk to you personally." So he said, "Come in." Then I began to tell him about our work in the world and in Porto Rico. He seemed interested. Finally I told him what he gave last year to help our work and although we were not begging we would be glad to give him the opportunity to help, so he rang for the treasurer who made us a check for \$25.00. After giving us the check I was about to get up and go when he pulled open his desk drawer and said, "I cannot give you much personally, but I will give you ten dollars. Yesterday I received \$43.50 in two hours. In Ponce Pastor Achenbach and I gathered over \$100.00 in about six hours.

Dr. Dunscombe is employing and supporting a worker in Ensenada. He is also paying another brother to give Bible studies every morning. There is a good interest there, and we hope to see many precious souls gathered. May God bless the efforts of our friend and brother, Dr. Dunscombe.

Brother Chacon, who built a chapel on his own land near Arecibo, wrote me the other day to come to accept a house he was buying so the believers could have a place to worship in that city. I went and he gave me \$800.00 and I

bought the house for the mission. Thank God for such earnest believers.

We are doing all we can here in Porto Rico. There is a better spirit in our churches—more consecration than I ever before have seen manifested. Oh that this may never cease, and that we all may become more earnest in the Master's service! L. J. BORROWDALE.  
*Santurce, Porto Rico.*

### A WORD FROM CAYMAN ISLANDS

The Lord is blessing the work in this little mission field and here and there souls are accepting the Message. Three have united with the Georgetown church in the last few weeks, and we have five in the baptismal class.

You would have been interested in accompanying us to the north side of the island where we have been holding a series of meetings the last two weeks. My husband went up there to investigate the prospects for a meeting. One morning at four o'clock some one called me out of sound sleep. It was my husband, and he said, "Get ready because the boat is going back at ten o'clock and you must go back with me." "But," I said, "I cannot go on so short notice." I had set bread the night before. "Yes," he said, "you must go to help me, and the folks are all looking for you."

There was nothing to do but hurry around and get ready. I gave my bread away, packed a valise and at nine-thirty was ready. We had a four-mile walk to reach the sound where the boat was waiting. The wind was blowing fresh and heavy, and the sea was very rough. In addition to that the sun beating down on us was so hot that when I reached the end of the journey my neck and arms were blistered.

After we crossed the sound and rounded a point of land projecting out into the ocean, a man tied one end of a rope to the boat and then put the other around his waist. He then went ashore and ran along the beach and drew our boat on toward our destination. Sometimes we would get hung up on a rock then another man would get out and push us off.

We reached the village at four-thirty and found the people very friendly and glad to see us. We began our meetings with a splendid interest which kept up for the two weeks we were there. Three new Sabbath keepers were left as a result of the meetings. We could not stay with them longer because of other work we had on hand. I cannot see how we can carry on this work without help. The work in Cayman Brac is suffering for lack of a worker. We need a worker who can remain with them for sometime. A short visit from us occasionally will not accomplish much.

We are of good courage and are press-

ing on with heart and soul praying for success.

PASTOR AND MRS. I. G. KNIGHT.  
*Georgetown, Grand Cayman.*

### HARVEST INGATHERING IN SANTO DOMINGO

In spite of the depression financially, our Harvest Ingathering is coming along. It just takes a little more time. We have received about \$1,100.00 thus far and hope to receive \$500.00 more. We have many evidences that the Lord is opening the hearts of the people. Some that a year ago closed their doors in front of us are now glad, both to hear about the Message and to give to this cause. We are very happy to have a part in this work in these closing days of earth's history. PETER NYGAARD.  
*Santo Domingo, R. D.*

### How to Preserve Children

1. Take two or more children of the run-about age. If they are bright-eyed, rosy-cheeked youngsters, so much the better.
2. Tuck them into bed early and leave them about twelve hours for quiet restful sleep. Windows wide open.
3. In the morning, dress them lightly and set them at a table in the brightest, cheeriest corner of the breakfast room.
4. To each child add the following: One small cup of orange juice. One steaming dish of delicious nut brown "whole-wheat" cereal. Several slices of crisp whole-wheat toast. One glass of milk.
5. Remove the children to a grassy lot. Add a kite, a dog or so, and mix thoroughly.
6. Cover all over with a blue sky, and leave in the sun until brown.

—From Canadian Child.

### JOTTINGS OF INTEREST

Some say, "How time does pass!" Others add, "No, time is stationary, and we pass under it." Any way it is more than six months since Mrs. Mohr and I set foot on Cuban soil. I am happy that God once more has permitted me to be connected with His work in the mission field. Just five and one-half years ago we were obliged to turn our faces homeward after having served four years in the Inca Union. That afternoon, December 1, 1925, was a very sad one for us. Many times had we met missionaries at Callao; but that day we were taken by others to the steamer that should take us to San Francisco.

We were happy to arrive in the Antillian Union, but made sad to learn that Miss Mabel Head, our very efficient office helper, was to return to the States because of failing health. This left us alone in the office with things rather new. Miss Head at this time is improving rapidly. May God bless her in her recovery.

Sometime ago it was my privilege to visit for the first time our academy at Bartle, Cuba. Brother W. H. England of the Cuban office accompanied me. We did several days' checking in the office, finding things in good shape. The school has a bright future, I believe.

A few weeks ago there came to my desk this message: "*Llegamos Heredia Sábado, McWilliam.*" And Sabbath afternoon the S. S. "Heredia" pushed her way up to the pier. We were glad to greet these old time friends, whose acquaintance we made in Ecuador. The usual smile passed over the countenance of Brother McWilliam. He takes the place of Brother Bergherm who has been called to the division office.

During the last few months several families passed through Havana on their way to the mission fields. It was a pleasure to see again the faces of Brother and Sister George Stacey of Kansas, and of Brother and Sister Sam S. Loomis of Nebraska. These kind friends were on their way to Bolivia where I once spent many weeks auditing the books of the mission.

One evening the following message was received: "Arriving air ten Wednesday, Beddoe." We were much pleased to hear that Brother Beddoe was actually on his way to our office. Brother Beddoe has come to assist in the union office. As soon as he gets hold of the work, I shall turn my face toward the fields beyond in this large territory. I am sure our office secretaries will be glad to know that we now have our union office helper actually with us. We welcome him to our office circle and expect soon to have the pleasure of welcoming his family.

Prof. D. E. Lust arrived in April to take up his new duties as principal of the Colegio Adventista here in Cuba. We welcome him to our field.

Sister J. D. Livingston and daughter, Gloria, left Cuba to go to Orlando, Florida for medical examinations. Professor Livingston followed them a few days later. They sail for Argentina, South America, soon.

Brother and Sister W. A. Bergherm and daughter left Havana in May for Florida to receive medical attention before going on to their new field of labor. We shall miss these dear people, but we are happy that the Antillian Union is able to give of her best to the division. God will bless them in their new work.

Pastor Ogden, after an absence of more than three months, came to the union office to catch up with his work, before going on to Bartle, Cuba, to attend meetings of the school board and of the Antillian Union committee.

Brother B. Bullard and family left the Porto Rican Mission office for New York for a well-earned furlough. He has spent sometime in the Antillian

Union. We are sorry that Brother Bullard is not well, but we are hoping that, after a few months in the States with medical attention, he will be able to turn his face once more toward the mission field. Brother Bullard's leaving places the responsibility of the office on the shoulders of the superintendent. May the Lord bless both Brother and Sister Borrowdale as they carry the work in Porto Rico alone until a new secretary-treasurer arrives.

F. I. MOHR.

Havana, Cuba.

## With Our Departments

### FAITHFUL FELIX

If there is a family down the dusty road, Felix will find it. Two or three miles out of the way over the hills make little difference. In fact there are probably very few roads of the republic our brother has not trod. Brother Felix Charles has been a colporteur of the Dominican Republic for about five years. He measures something like six feet three inches and weighs around 180 pounds. His big frame denotes strength. There was a time when he was easily aroused to the point of fighting, and more than one have felt the hard punch of his fist, but that spirit of fight is all gone. Felix is a changed man. His energies are now bent on seeking and doing God's will. When his big hand clasps yours in a handshake, you are made to realize the warmth of his heart. When he arrived at the recent colporteurs' institute, he brought along a young man, whom he had found out in his territory while canvassing. This young man had learned of God's love for the sinner and had accepted the truth as the result of one of Felix's visits. He had come to the institute to learn to become a colporteur like his spiritual father.

Brother Felix is only one of many whom God has taken while still in the rough and used in His service. As the years have passed, there has been a transforming power at work ennobling his life, and this is what God does for all, who, like Brother Felix, surrender their lives to God's service and dedicate themselves without reserve to the circulation of the printed page. In the book, "Desire of Ages," we read:

"God takes men as they are, and educates them for His service, if they will yield themselves to Him. The Spirit of God, received into the soul, will quicken all its faculties. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the mind that is devoted unreservedly to God, develops harmoniously, and is strengthened to comprehend and fulfill the requirements of God. The weak, vacillating character becomes changed to one of strength and steadfastness. Continual devotion establishes so close a relation between Jesus and His disciples that the Christian becomes like Him in mind and character. Through a connection with Christ he will have clearer and broader views. His discernment will be more penetrative, his judgment better balanced." Page 251.

We believe there are many young people throughout this division whom God could use in winning souls for the Master in this literature ministry. If you have heard the still small voice saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" send back the answer, "Here am I, send me."

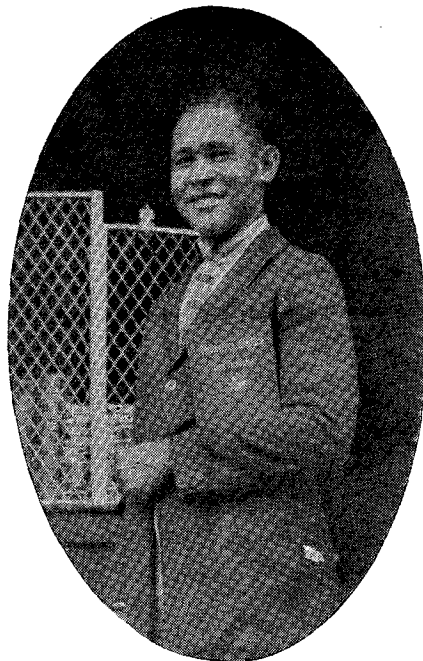
W. A. BERGHERM.

Havana, Cuba.

### TWO SCHOLARSHIPS GAINED

A sharp curve and the overturning of his car resulted in the following to the driver of an auto: A broken arm, four months of sickness and the knowledge of the Saviour.

Alone, perplexed, unable to work, he loitered in the streets of the city of



Luis Hoyos of Panama City earned two scholarships in nine months

Panama in search of amusement. One day as he was passing a certain street, he heard the singing of a song, which attracted his attention, and little by little he neared the tent where our evangelistic effort was being held. There he spent an hour listening to the words of life. Now this young man, Luis Hoyos, who was a chauffeur, is leading sinners to Christ.

After his recovery, he resumed his work as chauffeur with the same boss, who granted him the Sabbath. But he was not contented to spend his life thus. He wanted to carry to others the Message that had brought so much joy to him. So he gave up his job and decided to engage in the colporteur work, hoping to gain a scholarship and attend our school in Costa Rica to receive a Christian education. He was very successful, and soon he had not only gained two

scholarships, but had obtained a much better vision of the work of saving souls.

The colporteur work is a blessing. It carries healing to sick souls by means of the printed page and is a great help to our young people who desire to study in our colleges in aiding them to pay their school expenses.

Young friends of the Inter-American Division, do you not want to go to our colleges to obtain a better preparation that you may work with more success for the Saviour? Then engage in the colporteur work and obtain the means to enter.

EUGENIO PLATA.

Cali, Colombia.

### OUR OPPORTUNITIES

A man does not live very long in this world before opportunity knocks at his door. He may not recognize the visitor and thus lose his opportunity; for one writer has well said, "There are three things that never return,—the sped arrow, the spoken word, and the lost opportunity."

Many a man seeking for the gold of this world has camped in discouragement upon the very ground that covered the treasure. Providence has scattered the material from which opportunity is made all along the pathway of life. Do not sit idly by the wayside until your opportunity takes shape. Use the provided material and begin the construction at once. "Don't wait for your opportunity. Make it." Make it as the shepherd boy Ferguson made his when he calculated the distances of the stars with a handful of glass beads on a string. Make it as George Stephenson made his when he mastered the rules of mathematics with a bit of chalk on the grimy sides of the coal wagons in the mines. Make it as Napoleon made his in a hundred "impossible situations." One of Garfield's maxims was: "Things don't turn up in this world until somebody turns them up."

The greatest opportunities that come to men today are those in connection with the sounding of God's last warning Message—opportunities for service, for the uplift of humanity, for soul-winning, and for eternal reward. Man is given an opportunity that angels covet; and yet some are careless about improving it.

"Buy up the opportunity, it may not long remain;

The evil hosts are bidding, too, those precious souls to gain.

Buy up the opportunity, pay any price to win; With heaven's legions watching you, to falter is to sin.

Buy up the opportunity, at home; in lands afar;

Go quickly! Find the jewels rare,—each one a glowing star.

Buy up the opportunity, the souls for whom Christ died,

Buy up the opportunity, buy for the Crucified."

C. E. WOOD.

Mexico City, Mexico.

**HERE AND THERE IN THE MISSION FIELDS**

As we glance over the reports of our work in different parts of the world we wish we could pass them all along to you. They are indeed inspiring. The following are of special interest:

Neither age, incapacity nor other difficulties can hinder the enthusiastic worker for God. A sister in Poland, seventy-two years of age, was anxious to get her Harvest Ingathering goal. She could not read and hesitated about going from door to door because she was not a talker. At last she suggested that someone teach her two verses of a suitable hymn and that she would go out and sing. The choir master was called and in just fifteen minutes she had learned the verses. The next day with the song on her lips and a prayer in her heart she set out and soon returned with her goal.

Recently a great revival has been conducted in London. Hundreds have caught a new glimpse of their Saviour. The following paragraph has been gleaned from the *Missionary Worker*, which is published in London:

"After three prophetic and general addresses a special appeal was made for those present to give their hearts to God. The night was icy cold but in response to the Message, warm and glowing with the Advent hope, over 100 took their stand for Christ for the first time, while another fifty returned to the Saviour they once loved. Dismissing the meeting we invited any who felt led to do so to remain behind for prayer and consecration. More than 600 accepted the invitation and gathered in the front seats of the theater. A still greater response was witnessed on March 29, when over 1,000 remained behind to the 'after meeting.' This is the largest conversion meeting I have ever held; and it happened in old London. The people of this old land have a remarkable love for the Word of God, which makes them responsive to the Message of the old-time gospel of salvation from sin."

Pastor J. F. Wright, president of the African Division, in speaking of the progress of the work in that field writes:

"We shall have a wonderful report to present at the time of our coming division council. We will be able to report over six thousand baptized the past two years. Our workers here are all afire with the spirit of evangelism, and I believe that the years before us are just as fruitful as previous years have been. We are hoping that by the end of this present quadrennial period we shall be able to double our church membership again, bringing it up to twenty-six thousand, and that we shall be able to practically double our Sabbath school membership, bringing it up to fifty thousand."

In March of this year a series of meetings were conducted by one of our ministers in a Methodist church in Cone, Texas. The attendance soon increased until the church could not hold all the

people, and they moved into the school auditorium across the street which has a seating capacity of 400. On Saturday and Sunday nights this auditorium could not hold all the people who came to hear the truth.

The *Signs of the Times* magazine, which has been a great soul winning agency for a number of years, is now going into over 8,000 more homes than it was a year ago. A year ago the mailing list called for 64,876 copies of the *Signs* while the mailing list of May 5 stood at 72,925 copies. Only once in the history of this paper, and that was in February, 1920, was the subscription list higher than now. For one week during that month it stood at 73,435. At present from 76,000 to 78,000 copies are being printed each week. Surely this should bring courage to the hearts of our people who endeavor to scatter the truth through these papers.

We rejoice that our literature continues to find its way into the heathen

**O'ER LAND AND SEA**

Prof. and Sister W. F. Hahn and their two little boys, Jack and Floyd, sailed for Costa Rica, May 29. Professor Hahn was principal of the West Caribbean Training School, and now that it has been closed permanently, he has been called to take up the educational work in the Central American Union. We shall miss these fellow-workers very much from the isthmus; but we pray that heaven's choicest blessings will continue to attend them in their work.

Brother E. W. Everest, manager of the Pacific Press in Cristobal, has spent some time in Colombia where his help has been greatly appreciated. We were glad to see him back at his usual post early in June.

Sister Mary Clausen, lovingly known by the members of the division family as "grandma," was seriously ill for a time during the latter part of May; but she has made a good recovery, and we rejoice that she is still spared to cheer us on in service and to help finish the work in all parts of the great vineyard with her prayers.

**MESSENGER DAY**

Have you noticed that MESSENGER day this year is August 15? And what is MESSENGER day?—O, it is a day set apart for expressing our appreciation for the kind friend that calls every month to tell us how the work is going in all parts of our division, and usually also has a bit of good news from other parts of the world.

And this friend is also a wise counselor, bringing to us many of the good things that God has said especially to us who have the privilege of helping Him in the finishing of His great work in all parts of the world. Yes, and he talks to us about other matters. He gives counsel about our lines of missionary work, about our home problems, our personal difficulties, and tries to help us to know one another better and to pray for one another in this blessed work.

He comes to us without asking any favors or funds through the year and so it has been planned that on August 15 we can say thank you for his visits by an offering to help pay his traveling expenses. The next issue of the MESSENGER day and then we will tell you who this friend is whose life you are asked to help sustain.

lands. The first two tracts have just been printed in the Mongolian language. One is a treatise on Matthew 24, and the other is on the study of the Holy Scriptures. Three others are being prepared for translation into the Mongolian.

From China comes the word that Pastor Alexander Buzzell has baptized sixteen new believers this year and hopes to baptize twenty or thirty more soon.

And the good reports do not end here, but we must hasten on and leave the rest for another time.

SALLIE J. JENKINS.  
Balboa, Canal Zone.

**M. V. QUESTION BOX**

*Question:* "Where one is doing personal work with the young, should he reveal to another what was told him by the person for whom he is working?"

*Answer:* Look into the golden rule and find the answer to your question. If you open the secret volume of your own life to a trusted Christian, would you like him to publish its contents? Surely not. Then let us never betray confidence. He who loves as Jesus loves will serve as He served, and never disappoint those who confide in him; but his fervent love "shall cover a multitude of sins."

**CAN YOU HELP?**

A sister in the Colon church greatly desires the addresses of Clementina Roberta Allen and Oscar Emmanuel Allen. Their parents were Samuel and Maria McClean Allen. Kindly send information to the MESSENGER, Box O, Balboa, Canal Zone. Thank you.

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**CALENDAR**

Educational Day	July 11
Messenger Day	August 15
Week of Sacrifice	November 21-28
Week of Prayer	December 12-19