



The Inter-American Division

Messenger

Growing from Disciples into Apostles

By ARTHUR H. ROTH

Jesus "went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles." Luke 6:12,13.

What a wonderful experience that must have been for those who had been learners — "disciples." Just to think that now the Master who had been sent from God to teach men had been so satisfied with some of His "disciples" that He made them into "apostles." An "apostle" means missionary, one who is sent to convey a message.

When Jesus turned His "disciples" into "apostles," you see what an event it was. It was really the flowering of the gospel which had been pouring into those men all through their discipleship. But note, Jesus did not leave behind His former life with His "disciples" once they became "apostles." He chose out of His "disciples" twelve whom also he named "apostles." Still they were to be "disciples" and learners even though they were given the added honour of apostleship. They did not cease to be learners when they became missionaries. Probably they became better learners than ever.

Apostleship came out of the very heart of discipleship. The very best of the "disciples" were chosen to be "apostles." Jesus did not choose inattentive idlers and careless fringe learners. Only those who had listened to him longest and most intelligently and most lovingly were the ones He thought good enough to go and carry His message. That is why Simon, and Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas were chosen. Men like these, who were the very heart and soul of the disciple group, were the ones that the Master selected to be His "apostles." So will it be always. How could it be otherwise? The purer and finer the lessons learned, the greater the urge to expand and share that which is good

and true. It is the crude and ill-formed traits of our lives that make us selfish and exclusive. Defective discipleship manifests itself in self-centeredness, but discipleship that has learned lessons well and understood the real meaning and purpose of that which was presented by the teacher is ready and eager to share with others the beauty and significance of the truth learned and understood. It is a reassuring fact that the purer and finer any good attainment grows the more necessary it is for that attainment to expand and express itself.

There is no finer illustration of this than the gospel itself. As men learn of its beauty and begin to understand its meaning, the desire to share gospel truth with others becomes irrepressible. The more fully the gospel is understood and loved, the more compelling is the desire to share. Thus, as men grow in grace and understanding of the truth as learners, they become more and more desirous of sharing with others that which has so completely taken hold of their hearts and minds.

How tragic it would be if our desire to share the gospel were to slacken or even become dormant. It would reveal defective discipleship. It would declare the imperfectness of our faith. It would be like saying that God is unwilling to do for other men that which He is doing for us. In fact, it would be a complete denial of faith. If the Master is urging us to share His gospel, it is because the gospel is flowering in our lives and we are participating in the call to apostleship.

The Advent people have been called to discipleship and apostleship. The more deeply we believe in our Saviour for ourselves, the more certain we shall be that He is the Saviour for all men. Our desire to bring Him to all men will become a passion. A deeper personal faith and a more complete discipleship will lead us into apostleship.

Evangelism

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A Boy Wins His Family

Jose had only kept two Sabbaths and attended evening meetings for about six weeks when he had to leave the city of Cayenne, French Guiana and join his mother in a village about 180 miles away. She was a nurse in a hospital there. We could hardly expect to see him again.

His mother sent him to the only school in the village and it was conducted by a priest. Soon the boy began to speak of his new faith and the doctrines of the Bible, and especially the Sabbath question. One day a drunk broke some images in the chapel. The young boy with the new religious ideas was accused. The French gendarme did his best to force the mother of the boy to pay a heavy fine. But the mother declared that her boy was not the one who had broken the idols. The case was investigated and it became evident that it was not the boy who had done the mischief. At the school they tried to oblige the boy to engage in the church rites, but he refused. As he was going through this period of persecution, he wrote to me desirous of getting some literature and also some words of consolation. I sent him some tracts on the Sabbath question and other pamphlets containing some precious promises. I did not fail to send him some encouraging words.

The boy talked to his mother of all these things. The mother was becoming interested. While these things were happening the government decided to send the mother, who was employed as a nurse, to work in Cayenne, the capital.

So one Sabbath morning I saw this boy come into our church bringing with him his mother, his step father, and his sister. They all stayed through the Sabbath school and the church service. When I was shaking hands with the people after the meeting his mother said to me, "I would like to have you come to our house and talk to us." I accepted the invitation and this lady asked me many questions on various points that were not yet clear to her. The

Too Late To Stop The Adventists

"If I had known the Adventists were coming here to set up a church, I would never have given them the lumber for building."

These were the words of a man the Lord had impressed to give lumber and the use of his truck in the construction of a temporary tabernacle just opposite the church of which he is an ardent supporter. The spot on which it is built was also given freely by a young widow not of our faith through whom the Lord had worked to make the offer.

This man looks in the pews of his own church and sees a gradual decrease in attendance. "He realizes his mistake too late now," the people say. After twelve weeks of regular preaching and personal work, they hear from many homes the singing of this chorus:

"Since Jesus came into our town
The devil has been wearing a frown;

Every heart has been changed,
Every home re-arranged,
Since Jesus came into our town."

On January 16th, 1955, Alderton, a district in St. Ann, Jamaica, was entered with a plan to evangelize. From the start it was evident that nothing but prayer, consecration, and the continual working of the Holy Spirit would change the picture of a little Sodom into the reality of a Beulah land. Today on the very spot where men gambled, adjoining our meeting place, I park my motorcycle. Men are not now gambling away their meager earnings, but making decisive moves to meet the King of glory. Several mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, testify to the change in their family life. One mother of fourteen children said

mother, her husband, her little girl, as well as the boy, have all accepted this message.

That is how this boy, Jose, only 13 years old, won his family for Jesus.

— Marcel Perea



Evangelist K. O. Boyd

that her husband, a district constable, has spent his small earnings in a riotous life with women, drinking gambling and smoking ever since they were married. Every Saturday he would come home drunk. She now enjoys a "re-arranged" home, for not once in the nine weeks since the Sabbath has been kept in Alderton has he been absent and no longer does he smoke, drink or gamble.

While making my usual visits one day I entered the home of a man bed-ridden for several years. His two sons listened attentively while hope and cheer were brought to them from the Scriptures. I noticed one of the two sons kept looking at me and nodding his head, saying, "Yes, yes," every now and then. Before leaving he told of a dream he had some weeks before in which he saw me and I told him he should stop working on Sabbaths. I assured him it was the Lord who spoke to his heart then. These two men now rejoice in their new faith.

With a Bible class enrollment of 97 and an average attendance of from fifty to sixty on Sabbaths, it is prayerfully hoped that before 1955 closes a church can be truly organized, to the disappointment of the man who gave the lumber and to the glory of God in this, the beautiful garden parish of Jamaica.

— K. O. Boyd.

M E S S E N G E R

Grudge Bearing and Its Cure

By THEODORE CARCICH

"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matt. 6:14, 15).

Grudge bearing is a mean and subtle form of egotism. People often go through life nursing hurt feelings, not sensing that they are actually coddling a bad case of selfishness. How easily people are peeved, irritated, provoked, incensed, and offended, even while engaged in church work.

A grudging and resentful spirit soon gains full control of the person who harbors the idea that he is not being treated right, that he has been wronged, that somebody seeks to harm him, or that he is not appreciated as he should be.

Lacking forbearance and patience, it is easy for one to store up criticisms, slights, insults, ingratitude, and wrongs to the point that serenity, poise, and peace of mind are crowded out of the life. When that takes place, vindictiveness and revenge possess the soul. In the words of the apostle, "He that hateth his brother is in darkness" (I John 2:11).

The greater danger of grudge bearing lies in the harm it does to the grudge bearer. In addition to destroying mental and physical health, it separates men from men, and men from God. Bitterness over some real or fancied wrong has caused men to stop praying and reading the Bible, while others have stopped paying tithe and fellowshiping with believers on the Sabbath day.

Men invariably mean to take out their spite on the individual, but end up taking it out on God. In giving vent to their grudging spirits, men rob themselves of their dearest possession — fellowship with God. This is the sobering price of grudge bearing. "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar

for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" (I John 4:20).

Are you harboring a grudge against someone? What right before God have you for maintaining and prolonging this grudge? Of course, you insist that it is the other person's fault. Does not this sound rather hollow when you call to mind God's forgiveness of your sins, or your dear ones' patience with your mistakes? Consider also how your parents and friends have over-looked your blunders and faults. Suppose they treated you in the same manner that you are treating the one against whom you have a grudge?

Then again, consider that your smoldering resentment will bring unhappiness and misery not only to the object of your spite, but also your own soul. A mind that is full of bitterness against another infects itself with the same poison. It is impossible to destroy another man's peace of mind without destroying your own. You cannot blight another man's peace of mind without destroying your own. You cannot hate another man without hating yourself. "For the measure you give will be the measure you get back" (Luke 6:38, R.S.V.).

In the city of Seattle a man developed a grudge against his neighbor. In giving vent to his feelings the angry man built a high fence shutting off his neighbor's view of the lake, but in doing this he shut out the sunlight from his own house. In like manner do men darken their own souls when they retain their anger against others. The sunlight of God's love will flood our soul if we can say with Martin Luther, "My soul is too glad and too great to be at heart the enemy of any man," or with Booker T. Washington when he said, "I . . . resolved that I would

permit no man . . . to narrow . . . my soul by making me hate him."

Since grudge bearing is so contemptible and costly to all concerned, and will, if persisted in, keep us out of heaven, should we not studiously seek a solution to this insidious vice?

First of all, try praying earnestly for the one you dislike. You will find that one of the two — praying or grudge bearing — will have to stop. You cannot do both. If you persist in your prayers, the grudge will disappear.

However, you must pray for your supposed antagonist so sincerely that if you had the opportunity of doing him some good the next minute, you would do it. By praying thus you will forgive when the opportunity of doing him some good the next minute, you would do it. By praying thus you will forgive when the opportunity presents itself, and by continuing in this manner you will do everything in your power to hasten that opportunity.

"Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 5:44,45).

Better still, go and pray with the one against whom you bore the grudge. Do not put this off. No matter how distasteful it may seem, do it. The blessing received will outweigh any inconvenience experienced in bringing about the reconciliation.

"Give the erring one no occasion for discouragement. Suffer not a Pharisaical hardness to come in and hurt your brother. Let no bitter sneer rise in mind or heart. Let no tinge of scorn be manifest in the voice . . . Let him feel the strong clasp of a sympathizing hand, and hear the whisper. Let us pray. God will give a rich experience to you

both. Prayer unites us with one another and with God." — Christ's Object Lessons, p. 250.

As you talk and pray with the brother-man from whom you have been separated, remember these words:

"We cannot afford to let our spirits chafe over any real or supposed wrong done to ourselves. Self is the enemy we most need to fear. No form of vice has a more baleful effect upon the character than has human passion not under the control of the Holy Spirit. No other victory we can gain will be so precious as the victory gained over self.

"We should not allow our feelings

to be easily wounded. We are to live, not to guard our feelings or our reputation, but to save souls. As we become interested in the salvation of souls, we cease to mind the little differences that so often arise in our association with one another. . . .

"We need not keep our own record of trials and difficulties, griefs, and sorrows. All these things are written in the books, and heaven will take care of them. While we are counting up the disagreeable things, many things that are pleasant to reflect upon are passing from memory; such as the merciful kindness of God surrounding us every moment, and the

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"The plan of redemption contemplates our complete recovery from the power of Satan. Christ always separates the contrite soul from sin. He came to destroy the works of the devil, and He has made provision that the Holy Spirit shall be imparted to every repentant soul, to keep him from sinning.

"The tempter's agency is not to be accounted an excuse for one wrong act. . . There is no excuse for sinning. A holy temper, a Christ-like life, is accessible to every repenting, believing child of God" (DA 311). While the church flees from sin in all its forms, hastening on to perfection, the world abandons itself to every unusual dissipation.

"Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus . . . That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (II Tim. 3:14, 15, 17). The word "continue" means to keep on, and God will never say stop "till we come to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." "Perfection of character is a lifelong work, unattainable by those who are not willing to strive for it in God's appointed way, by slow and toilsome steps" (5T500). Let us not despise the disciplines of life permitted of God to perfect our characters. The Captain of our salvation was made perfect through the things which He suffered. "Yes, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (II Tim. 3:12). "But our light affliction which is but for a moment worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (II Cor. 4:17).

Our Lord is coming soon and when He appears we shall be like Him. "When He comes it will not be to cleanse us of our sins, to remove from us the defects in our characters, or to cure us of the infirmities of our tempers and dispositions. If wrought for us at all, this work will all be accomplished before that time. . . This is all to be done in these hours of probation. It is now that this work is to be accomplished for us." (2T355).

What are some of the essential

On to Perfection

By W. A. HOLGATE

Are we putting on the divine image, growing daily into the likeness of Christ, receiving more and more of the everlasting strength? If not, we are falling lower into sin and weakness, though it may be by slow or even imperceptible degrees. The one process or the other is going on in each of us without the loss of a day or an hour. Here is an inevitable movement from which none can extricate himself.

We can never stand still, though the subtle delusions of life would make us think to the contrary. Our bodies are in motion growing older every moment. Our spirits as well as our feet are on the way. Whither goest thou? Onward and upward to perfection of character or backward and downward to perdition!

The apostle Paul exhorts in Hebrews 6:1, "Let us go on unto perfection." Followers of Christ have no other goal, no other watchword. This is the good to be desired above all other and for which all else should be sacrificed. "To restore in man the image of His Maker, to bring him back to the perfection in which he was created . . . this was to be the work of redemption. This is the object of education, the great object of life." — Education p. 15.

The standard has been set by the greatest teacher the world has ever known. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matt. 5:48). Everyday our lives must unfold in

perfect beauty and symmetry like an opening bud till at last we open full-blown in eternity. "The path of the just is as the shining light which shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (Prov. 4:18). Walk in all God's light as revealed to you today. By God's grace you will have lived one perfect day. Brighter light will shine tomorrow bringing to clearer view hidden recesses of your heart where germs of sin still lurk. Let the healing rays of the Sun of Righteousness daily cleanse our hearts from sin, thus will we go on to perfection.

We have no time to lose. "There should be continual striving and constant progress onward and upward toward perfection of character. . . . In urging our way upward, heavenward, every faculty must be kept in the most healthy condition, prepared to do faithful service. The powers with which God has endowed man are to be put to the stretch." (8T64).

The world is moving rapidly to destruction. As we near the end the momentum increases. Writing to Timothy, the Apostle Paul said, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (II Tim. 3:13). Because iniquity abounds the love of many waxes cold and the night of sin deepens. The world presents a dismal picture.

The converse is true of the Advent Church. Through Christ God has effected a complete cure for sin.

elements of Christian perfection? We will here note four:

Benevolence — To the young man who came to the Master earnestly seeking eternal life Jesus said, "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven" (Matt. 19:21). The youth went away because he had great earthly possessions which he valued more than the heavenly treasure. Material things had blinded this young man's eyes. His estimate of values was completely distorted. He represents a large class who will be outside the kingdom because of unholy attachment to earthly possessions.

Speech control — "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man" (James 3:2). By our words we shall be judged, yet "we loose wild tongues that have not Thee in awe" as the poet so fittingly expressed it. Every utterance of the lip must be in keeping with the mind and spirit of our Lord. If we were more watchful during the six days of the week we would have less trouble to control our words on the Holy Sabbath day. The Psalmist prayed, "Let the words of my mouth . . . be acceptable in Thy sight."

Patience — "Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing" (James 1:3). This virtue is to be one of the outstanding characteristics of the Remnant Church. "Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." But what is patience? Patience bears the troubles of life, great or small, without complaint in looks, manner, or speech. Where are the waiting saints who possess this virtue?

Love: "And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness" (Col. 3:14). Like a barrel made of staves held together by hoops, love is the bond which binds and holds all the other virtues of the spirit. "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth" (I John 3:18).

"Let us go unto perfection till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." (Eph. 4:13).

Remedy for the Disheartened

By ELLEN G. WHITE

Into the experience of all there come times of keen disappointment and utter discouragement, — days when sorrow is the portion, and it is hard to believe that God is still the kind benefactor of His earthborn children; days when troubles harass the soul, till death seems preferable to life. It is then that many lose their hold on God, and are brought into the slavery of doubt, the bondage of unbelief. Could we at such times discern with spiritual insight the meaning of God's providences, we should see angels seeking to save us from ourselves, striving to plant our feet upon a foundation more firm than the everlasting hills; and new faith, new life, would spring into being

Hope and courage are essential to perfect service for God. These are the fruit of faith. Despondency is sinful and unreasonable. God is able and willing "more abundantly" to bestow upon His servants the strength they need for test and trial. The plans of the enemies of His work may seem to be well-laid and firmly established; but God can overthrow the strongest of these. And this He does in His own time and way, when He sees that the faith of His servants has been sufficiently tested.

For the disheartened there is a sure remedy, — faith, prayer, work. Faith and activity will impart assurance and satisfaction that will increase day by day. Are you tempted to give way to feelings of anxious foreboding or utter despondency? In the darkest days, when appearances seem most forbidding, fear not. Have faith in God. He knows your need. He has all power. His infinite love and compassion never weary. Fear not that He will fail of fulfilling His promise. He is eternal truth. Never will He change the covenant He has made with those who love Him. And He will bestow upon His faithful servants the measure of efficiency that their need demands. The apostle Paul has testified: "He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's

sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."

Did God forsake Elijah in his hour of trial? Oh, no! He loved His servant no less when Elijah felt himself forsaken of God and man, than when, in answer to his prayer, fire flashed from heaven and illuminated the mountain top. And now, as Elijah slept, a soft touch and a pleasant voice awoke him. He started up in terror, as if to flee, fearing that the enemy had discovered him. But the pitying face bending over him was not the face of an enemy, but of a friend. God had sent an angel from heaven with food for His servant. "Arise and eat," the angel said. "And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head."

After Elijah had partaken of the refreshment prepared for him, he slept again. A second time the angel came. Touching the exhausted man, he said with pitying tenderness, "Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee." "And he arose, and did eat and drink"; and in the strength of that food he was able to journey "forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God," where he found refuge in a cave. — *Prophets and Kings*, pp. 162, 164-166.

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love over which angels marvel, that God gave his Son to die for us." — *The Ministry of Healing*, pp. 485, 487.

Finally, before you part, forgive each other fully. Forgive, not in a condescending spirit, but from the heart. God's forgiving mercy should be the measure of your forgiveness. Then, and only then, will God forgive you. "We are not forgiven because we forgive, but as we forgive. The ground of all forgiveness is found in the unmerited love of God; but by our attitude toward others we show whether we have made that love our own." — *Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 251. — *Review and Herald*.

"I Don't See Anything Wrong In It"

One of our Weakest Excuses

By WILTON O. BALDWIN

I have a fisherman friend who angles for swordfish off the California coast. He is a skillful angler and knows the habits of swordfish very well. It is hard to deceive these denizens of the deep. No swordfish would snap at a bare hook, only to be lifted struggling out of his shimmering bluewater home. And that, of course, is true of nearly all fish.

With the skill of cunning experience my friend set out one day to deceive the swordfish. It was his job to make these shrewd creatures willing to take the hook. He went to the fish market, and there bought some real flying fish for bait. These fish were not imitations or flashing spinners. They were real flying fish. And with these as bait he landed some excellent specimens.

Story With a Lesson

One day he related an amusing little story to illustrate his frame of mind about catching swordfish. I repeat it here because it has a useful lesson. He said that he tossed one of the flying fish into the sea and slowly drew it through the sparkling waves by a cord. A family of swordfish were out that morning for a swim. They noticed the unusual breakfast swimming through the sea.

"Here is a real break," thought young Jimmy Swordfish. "Here's breakfast brought to me and served on a string. I don't even have to search for it." But Mother warned, "Better be careful. I've heard awful tales of other young Swords who have swallowed breakfast on a string. Something terrible happened. They seemed to vanish mysteriously from the sea."

But Jimmy declared, "This is a real fish. It's good. And I love flying fish for breakfast. And here's one waiting for me. I can't see anything wrong in it." So he gulped down the prize. But the hook caught

in his gills. And those words were Jimmy's last — words that have become famous, "I can't see anything wrong in it."

The fisherman's little story got me to thinking. What was Jimmy's trouble? Did he really see a flying fish? Of course, he did. Would it make a good breakfast for him? Yes, it would. What was the trouble then? Ah, it had a hook in it he didn't see. And that, young friends, is frequently the case with us when worldly inducements look all right.

The Happier Life

Forget the ache your own heart holds
By easing others' pain;
Forget your hungering for wealth
By seeking others' gain;
And make your life much briefer seem
By brightening up the years—
For tears dry quicker in the eyes
That look for others' tears.

Now, do you think the devil is less cunning than the fisherman? Why, the devil would go out of business if everybody could see the end of his evil program. So he has to use hooks and snares in his plans — especially when he is fishing for Christian youth.

There are many young people who do not want to be fully associated with the devil's program. They just want to be selective. They are dimly aware that Satan will cause those whom he can finally deceive to lose their souls and to miss out on the joys of eternity. They admit that that would be an awful loss. But they have the talent for discrimination. They believe that they know the difference between right and wrong, but when they come to a borderline temptation they say, "I can't see anything wrong in it." And that is the dangerous moment.

Perhaps if you would stop and think you would see something wrong in it. Satan dares not risk the truth. Investigation is his down-

fall. For example, he buries his drunken victims while advertising that "delightful" whiskey, Four Roses. No one would deliberately choose ashes and death, but Four Roses — well, that's fragrant and lovely, pleasant, to be sure.

Here is a man who stands in perfect health. Satan, thief that he is, seeks to rob him of life and health. This he attempts by subtle inducements to use cigarettes. The advertisers glorify cigarettes on television and radio. Newspaper and magazine ads make other brands very pleasant indeed. The best people smoke, so we are told. In fact, "everybody smokes." So why shouldn't I? "It's quite safe if everybody does it. There couldn't be anything seriously wrong with it!"

Dear young man, young woman—be not deceived in the great battle of life. Remember, you are not fighting an honest antagonist. Satan is a back-stabbing enemy, who will ensnare you with "good movies," "good" novels, "good" TV shows, "good" fashions, "good" comfortable living, and with terrific opposition when you determine to walk the narrow pathway that is marked out for the youthful saints of God.

Both Christ and Satan offer you life. Don't risk your eternal home in heaven by dabbling with the kind of life the devil offers. There is much pleasure, too — physical bliss and considerable happiness — but it is of the wrong sort. He deceives us. How can we walk under the black banner of his deception when security and lasting joy are found in obedience to the One who said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Not, What is wrong? but, What is right about it? should be the deciding factor. — Review and Herald.

In Other Lands

IN THE AMAZON JUNGLE

By R. F. CORREIA

We have just completed our first year here in Santarem in the heart of the Brazilian Amazon jungle located halfway between the cities of Belem and Manaus. The nearest Adventist missionaries live five hundred miles away. Our only contact with the outside world is the occasional airplanes flying overhead and the river boats which are constantly passing on the mighty Amazon.

Santarem was founded by a prehistoric tribe of Indians. Located where the clear waters of the Tapajo River join the green muddy Amazon, it possessed one of the highest cultures in pre-colombian times. The yearly tropical rains uncover hundreds of remarkable "caretas" which reveal that this ancient Indian civilization was without a peer in the field of ceramics in the whole western hemisphere.

Our home was formerly a leper post and as soon as we moved in, patients began coming thinking that the medical station had been reopened for service. Feeling that this was a plan of Providence to serve the people, we began treating the sick. Without medical equipment or supplies, we resorted to hydrotherapy and the Lord is blessing our efforts. Here in this tropical jungle, three out of five babies born die within the first year but "gracias a Deus" (thanks to God) we have been able to save some. Arriving patients ask to see the Doctor and we respond by simply saying the Great Physician is "la encima" (the One above) pointing upward with the finger, and then proceed to treat them — everything from light surgery to ugly tropical ulcers. Naturally if we had a small supply of the more commonly used medicines we could serve our patients more efficiently. Fomentations can't cure everything but it is amazing the results we have had. Thus the "right hand of the message" has opened many doors and hearts and we are praying for a good harvest of souls as a result.

Last week I returned from a rugged trip in the steaming jungle visiting isolated members. Pushing through the dense trails, always on the alert for the dreaded surucucu (a very poisonous snake), keeps one ever mindful of the watchcare of our heavenly helpers. By the time I returned, I had journeyed two days by water, walked forty-five miles, served the communion to seventy, and treated sixty-six patients.

This is our third year in the Amazon, and we are thrilled more than ever with the privilege that is ours to serve our Saviour in this largest jungle in the world. Our hearts are heavy when we sense the tremendous responsibility of our unfinished task, especially the several sizeable unevangelized Indian tribes within our district. The twenty we have baptized to date this year is far from what we would have liked it to have been. Our only ambition in life is to help finish the work and go to our heavenly home. — South American Bulletin.

The Gospel Meets the Mau Mau

By W. P. BRADLEY

Christians among the Kikuyu of East Africa have been meeting severe tests because of the pressure to join the Mau Mau in their struggle against the Kenya Government. The Mau Mau movement plays upon the ancient superstitions of the Africans. While the movement is partly political it is also antisocial and antireligious. The binding oath, which takes the form of a most repulsive ceremony, requires blind obedience to the Mau Mau leader in killing and destroying those who oppose the movement as well as their cattle and other property.

Though some nominal Christians have forsaken their principles and have taken the oath, especially in the early months of the movement, the resistance of Christians to the Mau Mau pressure is stiffening, and the line of demarcation between the members of this group and their

sympathizers and those who stand for law and order in becoming more clearly defined. In the latter group the Christians are making their influence strongly felt. Meanwhile, the struggle continues. While it is probable that certain economic reforms will come that will help to rectify inequities in the country and thus help to solve the political problem, the best bulwark against the spread of the Mau Mau terror is the spiritual one.

Two of our missionaries, Brother and Sister Ben Wheeler, continue to carry on their labors among the Kikuyu in spite of the unrest and the danger. Brother Wheeler reports that we have about five hundred members among these people, that two church members have lost their lives in witnessing to our faith, and that some property has been destroyed. He reports that these testing times are raising the spiritual level of the members' experience, and the influence of the truth is widening. The daughter of Jomo Kenyatta, noted as the leader of the Mau Mau movement, is an enrollee of the Bible school. Review and Herald.

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS

- July 2—Missionary Magazine Day
- July 2-23 — Missionary Magazine Campaign
- July 23—Educational Day
Elementary School Offering
- August 6—Voice of Prophecy and Radio Bible Correspondence School Day
Voice of Prophecy Offering
- September 3—Colporteur Rally Day
- September 10—Missions Extension Day
- September 17—Missions Extension Offering
- September 24—13th Sabbath Overflow for Far Eastern Division

Seeking And Finding

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told me, "I am so happy now; I have been keeping the Sabbath for these last two years after having searched for it so long, and now my heart is at peace." He has already won his daughter to the truth and several others who are preparing for baptism. — L. L. Reile.

For all the Family

Father's Part in Homemaking

By HELEN K. OSWALD

In successful homemaking each member of the family has a definite part to perform. Its fullest happiness and blessings can be obtained only when each one's part is faithfully carried out. Therefore, the relation of the head of the house is of greatest importance to the home. The father has a part all his own, which no one else can fill. God in His infinite wisdom planted deep in his heart the sturdy qualities of leadership, valor, bravery, fortitude, and courage. He endowed him with a strong body, steady nerves, and a powerful mind. If these faculties are rightly used, he fulfills God's plan.

In the true husband who realizes all that marriage involves, selfishness dies at the altar. Thoughts turn from self to the comfort and welfare of the one he has chosen as his life companion. He will seek her highest good and happiness. He realizes the responsibility of taking a gentle, delicate, confiding young life into his keeping, to cherish and to bless. He vows to be faithful and true, and to love his companion as Christ loves the church. That is God's solemn commission to the husband and father of a family (Eph. 5:25). He will treat his wife kindly. He will be thoughtful and sympathetic in every way.

As children are born into the home and the husband becomes a father, he grows even more thoughtful when he sees the burdens and cares that fall upon his companion's shoulders as wife and mother and homemaker. The true husband willingly takes his share of these added responsibilities. When the cares of the day have been unusually trying and things have not gone smoothly at home — perhaps a child has been ill, or worse still, has by disobedience or some wrongdoing nearly broken her heart — he will not utter a harsh word and add to the load she is already carrying; rather, he will seek

by every thoughtful help his love can give to lighten the burden and impart peace.

A wife blessed with such a husband always finds in his love a safe and quiet refuge when she is perplexed and tired. She knows he understands. She need never fear repulse or coldness or rebuke when she turns to him for shelter and help. Would to God that every husband were that kind of companion. How many tears would be spared! . . .

A desire to protect and a zeal to provide are a true father's second nature. It is his joy and satisfaction. Many a father goes forth on life's difficult road and faces it with courage. In the sweat of his brow he works untrudgingly, that he may provide well for those in his care. Not only does he toil to provide, but upon his brave heart also rests to a great degree their spiritual welfare. He leads out in family worship. He seeks to build in each member of the family strong faith in God. Often in silence he looks heavenward during his hours of labor and pleads for guidance and wisdom that he may perform well his responsibilities as father and priest of the home.

The word *father* is defined in a dictionary as "one who performs the office of a parent by maintenance, affectionate care, counsel and faithful guidance."

When children first speak that name they do not know how much it means. They cannot fathom the depth of love that throbs in his heart for them. They only know that Father is big and strong, and when they are held in his arms no harm can come to them.

Often children cannot understand why Father is so firm. He has foresight, and his love is too strong to let self-will in the young lead them astray. He commands, instructs, and rebukes because he sees danger. He

knows best when he firmly denies them some desired pleasure. He is firm, yet most understanding, kind, and forgiving. These good qualities stand out beautifully in the life of all earnest fathers who endeavor to build for eternity. — Review and Herald.

GEMS FROM THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

"Fathers, spend as much time as possible with your children." — *Adventist Home*, p. 222.

"Be pleasant, kind and affectionate toward your children." — *A.H.* 222.

"But, father, do not discourage your children. Combine affection with authority, kindness and sympathy with firm restraint. Give some of your leisure hours to your children; become acquainted with them, associate with them in their work and in their sports, and win their confidence. Cultivate friendship with them, especially with your sons." — *Ministry of Healing*,

"If he (the father) is engaged in business which almost wholly closes the door of usefulness to his family, he should seek other employment which will not prevent him from devoting some time to his children." *A.H.* 221.

"If he neglects them (the children), he is unfaithful to the trust committed to him of God." *A.H.* 221.

"The husband and father is the head of the household. The wife looks to him for love and sympathy, and for aid in the training of the children; and this is right. The children are his as well as hers, and he is equally interested in their welfare." — *M.H.* 390.

"The father should enforce in his family the sterner virtues—energy, integrity, honesty, patience, courage, diligence, practical usefulness." — *M.H.* 391.

With the Departments

RADIO

SEEKING AND FINDING

Emiterio Hidrojo is now 73 years of age. Seventeen years ago he was baptized into one of the Protestant churches. Studying the Bible diligently a few days after his baptism, he read something about the Sabbath being the seventh day of the week. He went to the pastor who assured him that we are now under grace and not under the law. But Brother Hidrojo's conscience was not quieted; every time he read about the Sabbath in the Bible it seemed to him that it always referred to the seventh day. He began traveling, as his funds permitted, to see if he could find someone else who could tell him

something about the Sabbath. He came to San Feliz, Venezuela, which is about 300 kilometers from his home, and there on a very humble shack he found the sign — Seventh-day Adventists. Eagerly and with much hope he rushed to the door and knocked, but no one answered. He questioned about in the vicinity trying to find out who lived there and what the building was, but he could find no information. He always found the door closed.

We only had three members, two ladies and one man, in this particular group, and they were not too well-known because they had only recently accepted the truth and that is why no one could give him any information.

About two years ago he gathered up sufficient money to go to

Caracas for he wanted to learn definitely about the Sabbath. He came to San Feliz en route, and went to the building where he had seen the sign before, but it was no longer there.

Finally he went to the post office and providentially the lady he approached was one of the members of the Adventist church. He went to her home and they studied, then she enrolled him in the Bible correspondence course. He was thrilled and delighted with the lessons. He studied them diligently and he shared these new-found truths with his friends and neighbours. He has enrolled others.

On March 22, he was baptized. As he came up out of the water he
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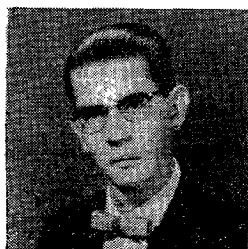
Hilma Pacheco



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Felix F. Flores

*New Teachers
on the Faculty at the
Colombia-Venezuela Union
Training School
1955*



Ana L. de Rios



Cora de Lorenzo



Sirio M. Lorenzo



Riva F Robinson

The new teachers pictured above join with former teachers Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Monteith, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Werner, Bobby Roberts, Walter Garcia, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Collins, Mrs. Fernon Retzer, Carlos Lopez, Efrén Caballero.

Around THE UNIONS

Antillian

Dr. Milton Ruhl of St. Helena, California, who will be associated with Dr. Colby Dunscombe in the eye department at the Polyclinic, has arrived in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

The Dorcas Society of Camaguey recently held a unique banquet. Many poor families of that city were invited first to a program where they were not only entertained but where they learned of the love of Jesus, then they were given a dinner in their honor provided by the church members. And this was not all. Before leaving for their homes they were presented with a package of clothes donated by the Dorcas Society. Such an event will never be forgotten by those who participated and only in the heavenly records will the final results be made known.

All Havana was astir May 4 when members from the five churches were out to give the public an opportunity to help in the world-wide welfare work of the Seventh-day Adventists. The final results were very encouraging with a grand total of \$843. One group led by Mrs. Miguel Leon and Brother Orlando Fernandez report \$115. Olga Rodriguez who worked by herself presented her can with \$23, the largest sum reported by one person.

The Bella Vista Hospital auxiliary nurses' class announces that the first graduates will finish the course June 1. On August 1 a new group will start the training which lasts a year. There is room for about 12 students to obtain this splendid preparation for a life's work of usefulness.

British West Indies

Investing For Investment

Sabbath, April 30, saw the fruition of one quarter's untiring efforts to boost the Investment plan at the West Indian Training College.

Shortly after the opening of school in January, an Investment secretary was appointed for the first time, Mrs. R. M. Mote. Immediately she set to work and printed a little folder with two Investment songs, a list of suggestions for Investment, a pledge to be signed and turned in, and an insert to be filled in at the end of the quarter stating the amount raised and by what means. She also distributed with these a little colored bag in which to save the coins procured during the time of the project.

Mrs. Mote did not rest with this being done, but every Sabbath a boost was given, either by a poem, a song, an inspirational motto, a beautifully arranged bulletin board, or some Investment experience to keep the fire of enthusiasm burning.

On April 23, two artificial trees were set up on the platform, one for the children and the other for the adults, and it was inspiring to see the trees being decorated with the bags holding their precious coins as each investor walked up and hung his gift on a little peg. The entire project brought in almost 40 pounds in cash, thus showing what can be accomplished for the Lord's work by a little special effort.

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Caribbean

Medical Work in Georgetown

For many years the British Guiana Mission has looked forward to the establishing of a sound medical program and now the answer to many prayers has come. We have a good doctor directing our medical work in British Guiana. Thousands, during the past year, have received relief from their suffering.

It was February 1954 when Dr. Edward C. Duerksen arrived with his family to open up our medical clinic. In less than two months, patients began lining up, day after day, at the door. From that time to the end of 1954 — eight months, the doctor and his small staff of nurses administered 15,000 treatments to patients. We thank the Lord for the favor, in the eyes of the public, that the medical work is bringing to our mission program.

It is interesting to note that on clinic days, as many as 100 persons visit the institution and are treated. Two persons were baptized as a direct result of their contact with the clinic, — they had no contact with the church until they came as patients. Others are studying the message, and one or two are now preparing for baptism. We pray that this phase of our work will mean much in bringing the light of truth to the people in British Guiana.

Our Ingathering has been going on for less than two weeks and we can already see the influence of the medical work in increased interest in the Ingathering. Elder Ralph Combes, the home missionary secretary of the Union, and the writer, have visited several of the businessmen in Georgetown. In most cases we were given most courteous treatment. Some of the leading businessmen have actually visited the doctor as patients. Many doubled their annual contribution this year or increased it considerably. This means additional funds for the carrying on of the work.

— L. A. Kraner.

M E S S E N G E R

EVANGELISM

In Costa Rica

One hundred and seventy-five souls baptized into the Remnant Church and marching toward the gates of the New Jerusalem! This is the aim of the workers and members of the Costa Rica Mission for 1955.

First tangible results have been seen in Puerto Jimenez. Here Eduardo Ruiloba has been holding evangelistic meetings. Ten souls have already been baptized and many others are interested. Another effort is in progress in Puntarenas where Elder Gonzales expects to baptize at least six or eight. Elder Morgan is just beginning an effort in the fruitful district of Cienequita, a suburb of Puerto Limon. Brother Cunningham is holding an effort in Puerto Viejo. Door-to-door tract distribution is yielding results in Cinco Esquinas, just outside San Jose.

Meeting places are difficult to secure and there is much indifference and prejudice. Nevertheless the workers of the Costa Rica Mission press toward the mark.

In El Salvador

Sabbath the 16th March was a high day and a happy one as 65 new members were added to the church throughout the mission. In the city of San Salvador 500 people were present as witnesses when 35 were buried in baptism as a result of the work of this church in the past few months, led by Elder Fulton Archbold. The larger number were the result of a three months' lay effort conducted by three laymen, — Humberto Villegas, Miguel Flaminco and Manuel Deras. In San Miguel Elder Daniel Moncada baptized nine in Quezaltepeque seven were added. As a result of an effort by our Bible worker, Elvira Rodriguez, seven more were baptized in Cojutepeque, besides others in various places.

It appears that this will be our best year for baptisms in El Salvador as we have several efforts in progress at present. In Sonsonate Elders Miguel Cerna and Emilio Garcia have had an average attendance of 200 or 300 for nearly three months and have about 80 in the baptismal class. The Lord is blessing.

Baptisms in the Netherlands Antilles

The Netherlands Antilles Mission is happy to report its latest baptisms. On Sabbath, April 16, a baptism was held by Pastor R. E. Gibson in the Cher Asile church, Curacao, of 18 candidates.

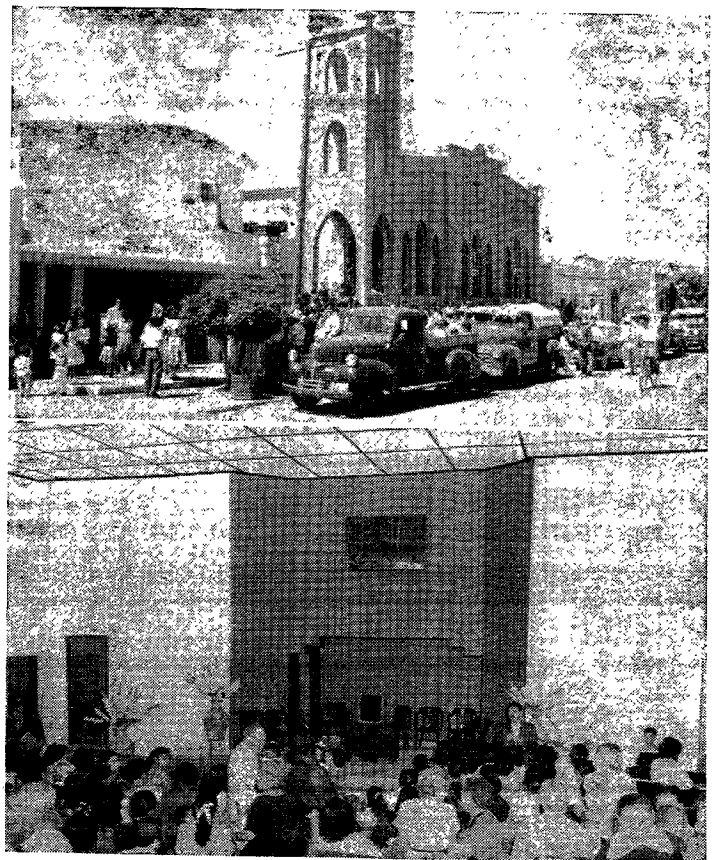
One of our Missionary Volunteers, age 14, had presented herself for baptism. She had been reared by her aunt who had taken her when her mother had abandoned her at four months of age. Since then her mother has been living a careless life and our young sister was praying for the conversion of her mother, whom she had not seen for several years, although she lived only a few miles away. She got word to her mother that she was planning to be baptized and invited her to be present, hoping to influence her for good. The mother came to the church on Sabbath morning at the close of Sabbath school and began a real disturbance which almost interrupted the daily

program. She shouted that no child of hers would be baptized a Seventh-day Adventist since she had been baptized by the parish priest in infancy. After much tactful persuasion we were able to get her quieted and the services resumed. The baptism was for three o'clock and the mother was there again. We were forced to alert the police to insure order. The aunt, guardian of the girl, was present and, although not a member of any church, she insisted that this brave young girl be baptized. In the face of all the threats and the displeasure of her mother, who was watching through the window, this girl followed her Lord in baptism and is now rejoicing in full church fellowship.

Sunday morning Pastor Gibson flew to Bonaire, one of our most strongly state church-dominated territories, and at four in the afternoon six more fine young people went forward into the watery grave of baptism. This was a real triumph for our Bonaire church, as they are the first church in our Mission to double their baptisms of last year.

— R. E. Gibson.

New church building in Ciudad Obregon, Mexico, dedicated 12th March 1955.



Inter-American Brevities

Retired But Not Tired

A veteran literature evangelist, Adrian Alcantara, has emerged from retirement to give help to our colporteurs in El Salvador. He reports most successful book sales and deliveries in Cuscatlan, with Bro. Benjamin Vides. It is always Bro. Alcantara's custom to visit the most influential persons in the city first. Accordingly he took orders from the highest ranking clergy first and then from the more important business men. With these names at the top of the list they had wonderful success and placed 120 copies of **Great Controversy** and 120 of **Guardian of Health**.

Br. Alcantara gives the qualifications a successful literature evangelist needs most: tact, courtesy, refinement, valor, daring, bravery, prudence and audacity. Bro. Vides says of him, "It is wonderful to see a man of 73 working like a young man, full of enthusiasm, hope and spirituality. To be with him has been not only an incentive to me but also an inspiration. His favorite phrase is, 'I want to die in the arms of my Master holding the prospectus in my hand.'"

Mrs. Francisco Ruiz visited the Division office in Miami on her way to Collegedale, Tennessee to attend the graduation of her daughter. Aida graduates from the Academy there and then will return to her home for the summer.

H. W. Barrows, one of the General Conference auditors, spent several days at the IAD headquarters working on the annual auditing of the books.

A former worker in Cuba, Elder Frank L. Chaney, returned there to visit friends and to see the progress of our work.

The promotion manager of IAD publications in Brookfield, Illinois, is Elder Frank Baer. He has spent several months in our Division this year, recently visiting the Colombia-Venezuela, Caribbean, and Central American Unions in the interests of the Signs of the Times and of El Centinela especially.

Our Home Missionary Secretary, Elder Henry J. Westphal is attending

the Laymen's Congress in Kansas City June 21 to 25.

Colporteur Institutes in Mexico are receiving guidance from Elder J. C. Culpepper as he gives of his experience and his enthusiasm.

Elder L. F. Bohner is auditing the books in the Mexican Union and in the Central American Union.

The conference sessions in East Cuba and in West Cuba were attended by Elder Arthur Roth who reports progress and a fine spirit throughout the island.

APPRECIATION

H. M. Blunden: I enjoy *The Messenger* immensely. It keeps me in touch with the work and workers in a field that is very near to my heart.

M. E. Kern: It's a pleasure to an "old hand" to keep in touch with the field by means of the Division paper.

John Mitchell: I use your Division paper to good advantage in promoting the Ingathering and the Sabbath school offerings and other special calls.

Mrs. M. E. Smith: We have enjoyed the *Inter-American Messenger* so much. We were in the Division almost eleven years. Many of the ministers, teachers and conference officials were students of ours. When we read of their untiring service it cheers our hearts and we feel as if we still have a part in the work in that great field.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF S.D.A.—INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION

Tithe and Mission Offerings Comparison Three Months Ending March 31, 1955

	TITHE		INGATHERING			NON-REVERTIBLE MIS. FUNDS					
	1955	1954	G or L	1955	1954	G or L	1955	1954	G or L	1955	1954
Antillian	87,919.68	86,016.58	1,903.10	25,023.09	20,815.47	4,207.62	13,376.52	12,804.38	572.14	.152	.149
B.W.I.	38,692.36	37,717.43	974.93	4,850.08	11,875.79	7,025.71L	5,657.66	5,349.02	308.64	.146	.142
Caribbean	59,977.65	56,855.07	3,122.58	11,784.59	8,733.05	3,051.54	7,926.44	7,630.83	295.61	.132	.134
Gen. American	38,255.18	34,919.38	3,335.80	1,979.31	1,925.17	54.14	6,327.23	5,896.34	430.89	.165	.169
Colombia-Ven.	46,901.04	41,646.75	5,254.29	5,041.41	2,718.06	2,323.35	7,729.86	7,649.18	80.68	.165	.184
Mexican	51,536.22	70,233.43	18,697.21L	11,939.13	11,353.79	585.34	6,585.32	8,323.45	1,738.13L	.128	.119
Division & Misc.	1,964.80	1,413.44	281.36	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
TOTALS	324,976.93	328,802.08	3,825.15L	60,617.61	57,421.33	3,136.28	47,603.03	47,653.20	50.17L	.146	.145

In local currency all of the Unions show Tithe gains. Colombia - Venezuela, Central American, and Caribbean Unions show fine gains in U.S. dollars. But for the devaluation of the peso, Mexico would also show encouraging gains in U.S. dollars. Ingathering is off to a good start. All should show at least ten per cent gains over 1954 before the campaign closes. Three of the Unions, Antillian, British West Indies, and Mexican, show good gains in percentage of mission offerings to Tithe. It is interesting to note that two Unions with losses are still tied for first place.

— Leonard F. Bohner, Treasurer.