



## ALL AUTHORITY

By Arthur H. ROTH

By what authority and right is the church witnessing in every land of the Inter-American Division, and throughout the entire world?

When Jesus, the Creator and the Ruler of the universe, was about to leave the earth to return to heaven, he gave his parting instructions to his disciples: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Matt: 28:18-20, Thomas Wieser Translation). This is the authority, the right, the command which empowers and compels the church to declare its Master's gospel in all the world.

What authority could be clearer and more definite? Who could possibly have more right to grant world authority than the Creator and the Ruler of heaven and earth? The church need never cringe nor act fearfully even though our Lord's enemies might pretend to challenge His "witnesses".

The Scriptures declare Christ to be "Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named" (Eph. 1:21). How reassuring His power and authority should be to His church, and to each of us personally. "Ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power"

(Col. 2:10). As we read the Scriptures, we are frequently impressed that our Lord possesses *all* power and authority. He has conferred upon His church sufficient authority and power to do the work assigned to it. His charge and commission to the church is: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations."

Notice the sequence in the Master's commission. As soon as His authority is announced, he charged, "make disciples". In the light of this plain command, and in consideration of the authority and power supporting the command, never ought there be any question in the minds of the sons of God about their right and duty to "make disciples" and to make them from among "all nations".

Furthermore, the church has the assurance of success when it teaches *all* that the Master commanded it to teach. The Lord promised full and continuous help and support, "Lo, I am with you always." Jesus, with *all* his power and authority, stands behind His disciples when they carry out His command and commission. He said, "He that heareth you heareth me" (Luke 10:16).

So the Remnant church, as did the early church and the true church through all ages, has the authority and the right, the privilege and the duty, to "make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

# Evangelism In the Inter-American Division

## BAPTISMAL REPORT

For six months, ending June 30, 1961

Mission or Conference	Baptised to Date	Goal to Date	% of Goal Reached
Dominican	207	350	59.1
East Cuba	77	175	44
Puerto Rico	272	350	77.7
West Cuba	134	175	76.5
<b>ANTILLIAN UNION</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>65.7</b>
British Guiana	158	250	63.2
East Caribbean	275	437	62.9
South Caribbean	418	538	77.6
Surinam	21	25	84
<b>CARIBBEAN UNION</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>69.7</b>
British Honduras	27	100	27
Costa Rica	72	162	25.9
Guatemala	167	250	66.8
Honduras	72	200	36
Nicaragua	99	163	61.3
Panama	286	400	71.5
Salvador	136	225	60.4
<b>CENTRAL AMERICA</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>57.2</b>
Atlantic Colombia	95	225	42.2
Colombian Islands	---	20	---
East Venezuela	36	125	28.8
Netherlands Antilles	20	65	30.7
Pacific Colombia	169	250	67.6
Upper Magdalena	336	550	61
West Venezuela	121	115	105.2
<b>COLOMBIA-VENEZUELA</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>57.5</b>
French Guiana	22	25	88
French West Indies	147	250	58.8
North Haiti	386	475	81.2
South Haiti	239	300	79.6
<b>FRANCO-HAITIAN UNION</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>75.6</b>
Central Mexican	51	150	34
Inter-Oceanic	182	225	80.8
North Mexican	169	200	84.5
Pacific Mexican	108	200	54
South Mexican	162	350	46.2
Southeast Mexican	386	375	102.9
<b>MEXICAN UNION</b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>70.5</b>
Bahamas	76	55	134
Cayman Islands	---	10	---
East Jamaica	839	925	90.7
West Jamaica	775	1,010	76.7
<b>WEST INDIES UNION</b>	<b>1,690</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>84.5</b>
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<b>INTER-AMERICAN TOTALS</b>	<b>6,740</b>	<b>9,700</b>	<b>69.5</b>

### Local leaders prepare to train . . . An Army of Lay Workers

An upsurge in active soul winning is anticipated in the Inter-American Division. This will come in part as a result of preparing local leaders to co-operate with their ministers and field officers in making "every church . . . a training school for Christian workers." — *Christian Service*, p. 59.

The first such Laymen's Instructor Training School in the Inter-American Division was held in Puebla, Mexico, July 8 through 17 under the direction of Elders V. W. Schoen, Lay Activities Secretary for the Inter-American Division, and Sergio Moctezuma, secretary of the same department for the Mexican Union. All the local lay activities secretaries in the Union and six ministers from the field took the courses together with the laymen. At the close of the session 31 instructor's certificates and six School of Lay Evangelism certificates were issued.

The Laymen's Instructor Training School in Mexico was the pilot school for the Spanish-speaking unions in the Division. Plans are being laid for pilot schools for the Franco-Haitian Union in October and for the English-speaking fields in January.

It is hoped that similar schools will be conducted in each union and even in many local fields.

The sequel of the school is already apparent in local churches throughout the Mexican Union where Schools of Lay Evangelism have been organized by the newly trained leaders.

As local members take over the responsibility of helping their brethren prepare for effective lay service, the efforts of the Lay Activities Department secretaries will be multiplied manifold. In their supervisory capacity they will assist the local leaders in planning, examining the classes, granting certificates, and in other ways. And as "the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers," "the work of God in this earth can . . . be finished." *Id.*, p. 68.

# Messages to the Church

Seventh-day Adventists bear the Message . . .

## To Every Nation

By W. R. BEACH

Secretary, General Conference

We believe that the Advent Movement, known as the Seventh-day Adventist Church, came upon the scene of action as a direct response to the call of prophecy. Our conviction on this point deepens as the years go by. Nor is our conviction less firm that this people of prophecy has received from the hand of the Master a mission to the world.

The year 1844, which brought the opening of the judgment hour, announced in Revelation 14, brought also the rise of the people described by the angel; and this people soon began to go to the world with the message of prophecy. The apostle beheld the proclamation of the "everlasting gospel" to "every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." Thus while the work of the investigative judgment in the sanctuary of God was going forward in heaven, on earth a world message brought into existence a world work.

In September, 1874, John Nevins Andrews, first overseas Adventist

missionary, sailed from Boston for Europe. In 1885 a group led by S. N. Haskell and J. O. Corliss sailed out of San Francisco's Golden Gate to unfold a golden future for the Advent Movement in the Pacific areas. Since then the representatives of "the everlasting gospel" have marched eastward and westward, southward and northward. More than 8,000 of these men and women have been sent to lands afar. Today more than 2,300 of them are in the field serving in lands that represent 98.7 per cent of earth's populations.

The beginnings were small, unadorned, and conceived in penury. In 1874 the church membership in all the world was only about 7,000. Poverty and patched clothes were the hallmark of the pioneers. Yet they set themselves in the spirit of their first missionary to evangelise the world.

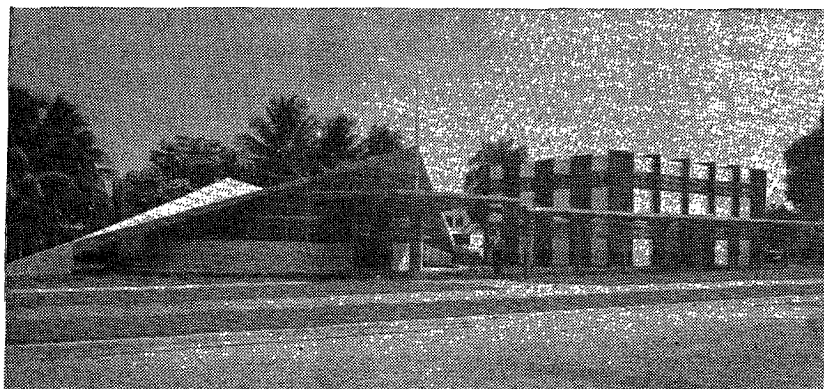
The achievements since then have been cheering. Seventh-day Adventists do not worship at the shrine of

bigness and success. We cannot be unmindful, however, of the evidences of God's leading and blessing. Studied sacrifice on the part of the Advent people makes available approximately \$29 million yearly for the General Conference budget. This, of course, is only a fraction of the total funds provided locally and regionally throughout the world in church and institutional endeavours. The glorious thought is that these activities have resulted in souls saved for the kingdom of God.

In fact, the growth in baptised membership has been constant and impressive. In 1925, after 62 years of arduous endeavour, the baptised membership of the Advent Movement reached 250,988. In 1940 (only 15 years later) the membership stood at 504,752. Ten years later, in 1950, the figure was 756,712. At the end of 1955 our membership was 1,006,218. Today it is more than 1,250,000.

The planting of the work in Europe, and soon after in Australasia, South Africa, and other parts, brought an enlarging vision of the nature and range of the Advent Movement. More and more every section of the world field is becoming a home base from which a missionary church can reach out in continuous expansion. In 1960, of the 490 workers sent overseas, 303 left the shores of North America and 187 were sent from other home bases.

The Advent belief calls for a full dedication to God. This dedication was voiced in the prayer of the apostle in behalf of the church at Thessalonica: "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless



A view of the new Adventist church and the fine office building of the Dominican Mission, inaugurated in Ciudad Trujillo, the 25th of June, 1961. These modernistic structures standing on a prominent corner of the city add efficiency and prestige to the Adventist organisation in Ciudad Trujillo. At a ceremony inaugurating this gift from the late Generalissimo Trujillo, the Minister of the Interior and of Religions, R. Paino Pichardo, presented the key and the deed to Alvin Stewart, president of the Dominican Mission. Other pastors taking part in the ceremony were R. L. Jacobs, Fernon Retzer, H. J. Westphal, and Eligio Gonzalez.

unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. 5:23). To make man completely whole, a total reform before Christ's second coming became the goal of the Advent Movement.

Such a programme involved many lines of activity. The health message and a related medical work were soon born. A unique educational system came into existence, based on the physical, mental, and spiritual development of the individual. The pulpit, the printed page, radio and television were enrolled in a world-wide mission.

These endeavours necessitated the creation of supporting institutions throughout the world. Many such institutions now exist. From very small beginnings they have grown in number and complexity. They range from small jungle dispensaries to 350-bed modern hospitals; from small station schools to university-type training centres; from humble laboratories to impressive, modernly equipped and operated health food factories; from small book depositories to large, complete publishing and printing plants; from the simple "church in the home" to the 2,300-seat sanctuary.

#### Medical and Educational Endeavours

Today, some 2.6 million patients receive medical care annually through Adventist facilities. From more than 30 schools of nursing step forth each year approximately 500 graduate nurses with the word "service" etched in their hearts. More than 5,000 schools are operated by the church around the world, with an enrollment of some 275,000 students. Of these schools, 350 are above the elementary level. The church educational system continues to the university level. Publications are issued in more than 200 languages. Sales reach nearly \$25 million yearly. Approximately 75 books roll into print each year. All this is the work of 44 publishing houses and their host of distributing agencies and literature evangelists. The programme involves ministers, educators, physicians, dentists, nurses, publishers, communication experts, and institutional workers. Today, salaried labourers in these various areas total 46,816.

This working force and the membership they represent are committed to the main task of bringing

people to God through Jesus Christ and will not allow themselves to be sidetracked however fascinating the allurements. Led by the Spirit of God in a co-ordinated programme of evangelism, the rhythm of progress that has brought us to our present membership is being maintained with unabated vigour—at an increased tempo in many lands. Consider the following recent reports:

For some years the Inter-American Division had a goal of 1,000 baptisms per month. This goal has now been reached, and the new goal of 1,800 per month has been set. Weekly more than 190,000 people attend Inter-American Sabbath schools.

The South American Division baptised membership has now reached 105,000. This year approximately 5,000 lay efforts are in progress. A successful evangelistic campaign in Punta Arenas on the southern tip of South America, has resulted in more than 50 baptisms and the establishment of a strong church.

Last year baptisms in Korea numbered 2,200, equivalent to approximately 25 per cent of the church membership at the start of the year. Last summer more than 1,100 were baptised in one day.

In Australasia we now operate 12 modern health-food factories, 20 warehouses, and 30 retail stores. A portion of the earnings from our health-food work is contributed to the general church programme and makes up a little less than one third of the entire division budget.

Through public evangelism and the work of laymen we have been able to enter the countries of Sikkim and Bhutan, bordering Tibet. Last year a 30-bed hospital was opened at Banepa, Nepal. In Delhi, India, property has been obtained, and plans for a pilot medical work are under way.

Church membership in the Southern European Division is 110,000. The weekly Sabbath school attendance is 137,000. Three years ago a church centre was secured in Piazza Armerina, central Sicily. Now, after only three years, this sanctuary is too small. Plans must be laid for a larger evangelistic centre.

Some months ago a group of Iranian educators went to the United States as guests of the State Department. They expressed a desire to visit a Seventh-day Adventist educational institution and they were

taken to Shenandoah Valley Academy in Virginia. There they observed our school activity. When one of these educators was questioned in regard to his interest in Seventh-day Adventist educational principles, he said: "You know, I cannot forget Seventh-day Adventists. I went to a Seventh-day Adventist elementary school in Iran. Any time I can help the Seventh-day Adventist Church I certainly want to do it."

In Southern Africa our workers have set as their objective 50,000 decisions for Christ in 1961.

In 1960 approximately 2,500 young people participated in a youth congress held in Zurich, Switzerland, for Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. One Sabbath, at the close of the eleven o'clock service, 324 youth gave their hearts to the Lord and are now getting ready for baptism. The following day approximately 150 boys and girls went forward, signifying their desire to prepare for the Lord's work in our schools.

In Southern Asia, the Voice of Prophecy operates 18 Bible schools in 15 languages, and lessons are sent out by the millions.

Following a truck accident in Africa, a lay member was taken to a hospital, where one of his legs was amputated. When he had recovered from the shock of the accident and the operation, this layman went to live in a village. People came to sympathise with him over the loss of his leg, but he took the opportunity to tell about Jesus' love. The district pastor helped to instruct these people and eight of them are now members of the church.

Twelve years ago a young man attended one of our mission schools in Ethiopia for a period of six months. Then he left and nothing more was heard of him until recently when he sent for a worker to come to his aid as he worked with his neighbours and friends. More than 100 people gathered in their newly constructed church to greet our workers.

Thus the Advent Movement marches on to "every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." The response to the prophetic summons of the last days had to be the story we have told. It will be yet more thrilling in the days ahead. Political unrest, racial tensions, and even war may come, but the work of God will move on to destined victory at the soon coming of Christ.

—Review and Herald

# OUR GREAT NEED - REVIVAL

By ORRIS J. MILLS, Church Pastor

Does the church need a revival? We need not search long for an answer to this vital question. Through His servant God has said, "A revival . . . is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work."—*Selected Messages*, vol. 1, p. 121.

What is a revival? A revival is a renewal of spiritual life, a quickening of the powers of mind and heart, a resurrection from spiritual death. A revival is the result of the work of the Holy Spirit upon the hearts of men.

Revival is generally thought of as a work involving the multitudes in some great religious stir such as on the day of Pentecost. On that day Peter preached under the power of the Spirit, and those who heard were "pricked in their heart." They said "unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptised . . . and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:37, 38).

But a revival can come elsewhere than in a large mass meeting. The Holy Spirit brought a revival to a family in Philippi under a combination of circumstances. Paul and Silas had been thrown into the lowest dungeon and held fast in stocks. Notwithstanding the extreme torture of their painful position, instead of murmuring they encouraged each other with words of prayer and songs of praise. The other prisoners and the jailer himself were deeply impressed with the conduct of these Christians.

Later that night, when the Lord visited the prison with an earthquake, the jailer flung himself before these unusual men and asked how he could have their peace, integrity, and salvation.

The Word says, "He called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas . . . and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:29, 30).

This man responded to the revival power of the Holy Spirit and the instruction of Paul and "was baptised, he and all his, straightway" (verse 33).

A revival may come to a person without a living preacher or even the facilities of a church, as in the case of the prodigal son. In his desperate condition the prodigal responded to the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit—"he came to himself." Then, realising his father's resources and goodness, he submitted to the Spirit's appeals "and he arose, and came to his father" (Luke 15:17, 20).

There are at least five reasons why a revival is needed among us. First, God says we are in a backslidden condition. "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love" (Rev. 2:4). God caused this text to burn with fire before Sister White, and she wrote: "I am instructed to say that these words are applicable to Seventh-day Adventist churches in their present condition. The love of God has been lost, and this means the absence of love for one another. Self, self, self is cherished, and is striving for the supremacy."—Ellen G. White, quoted in A. G. Daniells, *Christ Our Righteousness*, p. 120.

Only the reviving power of God can change this situation, for the tragedy is that we do not sense the seriousness of our condition. We are inclined to believe that things are much better than they are, and we are offended when someone suggests that all is not well in Zion. "Thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and naked" (Rev. 3:17).

"We need the Holy Spirit in order to understand the truths for this time; but there is spiritual drouth in the churches, and we have accustomed ourselves to be easily satisfied with our standing before God." "The slumbering church must be aroused, awakened out of its spiritual lethargy, to a realisation of the important duties which have been left undone."—*Ibid.*, pp. 119, 118.

Second, our own poor hearts and lives testify to the need for revival.

Third, the conditions in our homes are far from ideal. How we need a new birth of love in our homes! At campmeeting a girl came up to one of our ministers and said, "What's the use of my trying to be a Christian? My home is impossible. All I hear is bickering and quarreling. Father and mother went to the early meeting this morning. They took their Bibles and took down notes in their notebook. But we hadn't any more than returned to the tent when they had a row. They are fighting there in the tent now. What's the use of trying to be a Christian?"

Fourth, conditions in the church reveal that a revival is needed. The lack of zeal for evangelism, the indifference toward the multitudes who are without Christ, the inconsistency, the fanatical pursuit of amusements, all testify to our need. "Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God" is applicable to many in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

"The church has turned back from following Christ her Leader and is steadily retreating toward Egypt. Yet few are alarmed or astonished at their want of spiritual power. Doubt, and even disbelief of the testimonies of the Spirit of God, is leavening our churches everywhere."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 217.

Finally, we need a revival because it is imperative. Without revival many in the church will be lost. "God calls for a spiritual revival and a spiritual reformation. Unless this takes place, those who are lukewarm will continue to grow more abhorrent to the Lord, until He will refuse to acknowledge them as His children."—Ellen G. White, quoted in *Christ Our Righteousness*, p. 121.

May God help us to pray, "O Lord, cause the mighty energies of Thy Holy Spirit, with all their quickening, recuperative, transforming powers, to fall like an electric shock upon my palsy-stricken soul, that every nerve may thrill with new life; cause my whole being to become restored from its dead, earthly, sensual state to spiritual soundness."

—*Review and Herald*

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Elder A. H. Roth, president of the Inter-American Division, signs the temperance pledge while Elder V. W. Schoen, Division Temperance secretary, looks on.

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### ONE MILLION NAMES

The International Temperance Association has launched a world-wide signature campaign to obtain, for the 1962 General Conference Session, a list of ONE MILLION names of those pledged to total abstinence. Every signature is important in this world-wide temperance demonstration and every Seventh-day Adventist regardless of age should consider it a privilege to sign his or her name on the pledge sheet. It represents an intrinsic part of our religious conviction, for we, as members of God's remnant church, are total abstainers, and we are glad to show the world our united front in this position.

Elder James V. Scully, one of our world leaders for the Temperance Department, explains the purpose of these signatures: "The plan calls for these one million names to be dramatically displayed at the time of the General Conference temperance rally. At that time each division temperance secretary will, with the help of his associates from his field, unfurl the names from his division.

The purpose of this display is to show the world our united church stand."

The meetings held and reports presented during the General Conference Session will be widely publicised and mean much to the cause of God. Therefore, we do hope that every church member, and even our friends, will join us in this special crusade and help to make the General Conference plan a real success.

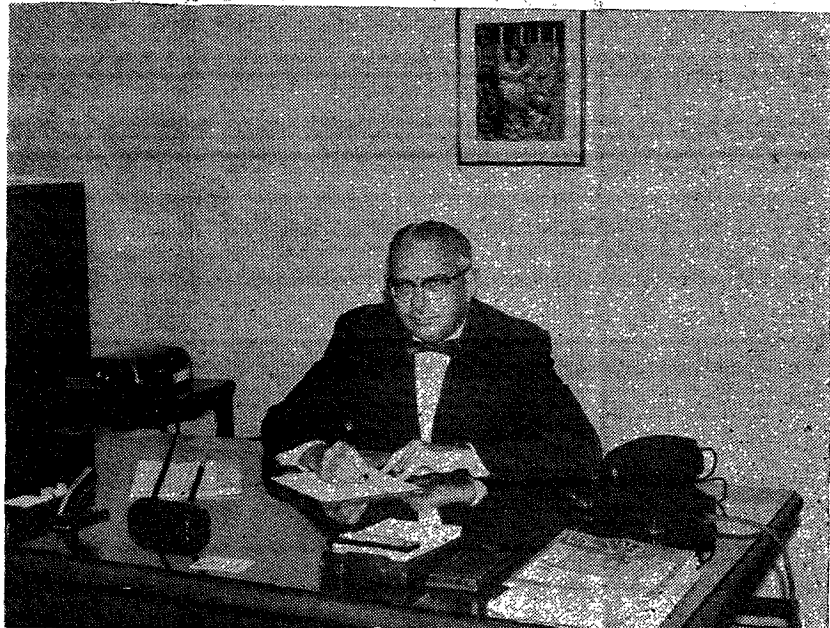
### INTER-AMERICAN RESPONDS

The president of the Inter-American Division, Elder A. H. Roth, signed the list in his office in Miami, the first member of the great Adventist family in Inter-America to do so. Elder C. O. Franz, division secretary, and Elder L. F. Bohner, the treasurer, followed, and then all the departmental secretaries and the entire office personnel at Division headquarters signed their names. We



Elder C. O. Franz, Division secretary, adds his name to the first signature.

# INTER-AMERICA PLEDGES FOR ABSTINENCE



Elder L. F. Bohner, Division treasurer, signs in third place.

are confident that the leaders of our seven unions and thirty-six local fields, the entire ministry of Inter-America and the churches all around the circle will follow their Division leaders and sign the list when the opportunity comes. We feel it will be a great inspiration to all of us to sign this historic document with our own hand. Without doubt this will be a unique document. Where could we find a declaration signed by one million people? I want to have my name in that list! How about you? Of course yours will be there also! If someone cannot write, he will place there his fingerprints or whatever sign he uses to identify himself.

The conference and mission leaders should see to it that even the most isolated groups and members in their territory get the signature sheets and have the privilege to join the world-wide crusade. Church committees should plan to have the signatures of every single member in their church. Those in the hospitals and otherwise handicapped and unable to come to the meetings should be visited and given the privilege of signing also. Of course, we will not forget our youth and children. Each member and friend should sign for himself.

## THERE ARE

Yes, there are close to 200,000 members in our Sabbath schools today. All but those too young to understand will be signing. But shall we not ask others—the many more interested persons, baptismal class members, relatives, friends, community members—to sign if they so desire. Certainly. We appeal to them also and gladly accept their devotion and dedication to total abstinence. In every field there are many who stand for the temperance principles as we do and we should invite them to sign the pledge sheet also.

## WE HOPE

That by December 15 all the signature sheets will be completed and in the office of the mission or conference. This is the deadline for the conference or mission temperance secretary to send these signature sheets, in the most secure way possible, to the union temperance secretary. The success of this campaign depends on the co-operation of all and we hope everyone concerned and responsible will do his best to be ready before the deadline.

## THE GOALS

Taking the Sabbath school membership as a basis, the following goals have been recommended for the seven unions in Inter-America:

Antillian Union	22,000 signatures
Caribbean Union	26,000 signatures
Central American Union	17,000 signatures
Colombia-Venezuela Union	25,000 signatures
Franco-Haitian Union	22,000 signatures
Mexican Union	47,000 signatures
West Indies Union	41,000 signatures

It will be a great day in our Division office when all the signature sheets have arrived and have been pasted together into one great scroll. Your name and mine will be there and, we hope, more than 200,000 other names also as our substantial part of the one million names from around the world.

—V. W. Schoen

**BE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON THE LIST**

# The Adventist Home

## Teaching Courtesy

By OPAL E. MILLS

A recognised authority on child training once wrote, "A home where love dwells and where it finds expression in looks, in words, in acts, is a place where angels delight to dwell."—**Counsels to Parents and Teachers**, p. 115. How do we build an ideal home such as this?

We have learned that companionship creates love. If in our homes we follow the practice of being companions to our children, we are certain also to find love within. It should not be difficult to teach our children to be courteous if we ourselves provide that most important element—love. Yet many parents neglect to teach their children courtesy. Can it be true that in the majority of homes today there is a lack of love?

The first and most important step in teaching children courtesy is to teach the golden rule—to do to others as they would have others do to them.

Teach your child to say Please when asking for a drink of water or some other favour, and to thank you in appreciation. He should learn to excuse himself from the table, or when he walks in front of people, or steps on someone's toes. All this he will learn naturally as he observes your conduct from day to day. Remember always to set a right example.

Are you polite to your child? If not, how can you expect him to be polite to you or to others? You need not be afraid to ask your son or daughter to excuse you for walking in front of them. You are their example, and they learn far more from what they see you do than from what you say. If good manners are consistently practiced at home all the time, the proper behaviour will come naturally when the children are away from home.

Do not delay teaching courtesy until just before a party, and then

try to cram it all into their heads in one session! Children can only assimilate a small amount at a time. It is better to practice courtesy all the time and not be unprepared at some crucial time, and be embarrassed to tears!

Table etiquette takes time and patience to instill. Little ones are untidy to begin with, and you often

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**"Children are attracted by a cheerful, sunny demeanor. Show them kindness and courtesy, and they will manifest the same spirit toward you and toward one another."**—Education, p. 240.

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despair of ever teaching them to eat correctly. Sometimes you may nag at them until they lose their appetite. When teaching etiquette at the table, do it deliberately, as though you had a lifetime in which to accomplish it. Don't let the children feel that you are concerned. Put up with their childish mistakes, and lead them steadily on until they gradually master the art. Rome wasn't built in a day, nor are children's eating habits. The first thing to teach is the proper use of a spoon, then the fork, and last of all the technique of using a knife. Teach them how to keep from spilling and dropping food, to talk only when they do not have a mouth full of food, and how to use a table napkin.

What kind of example are you, as a courteous person? Perhaps you have listened to a musical composition in a concert hall or in church and become bored. Did you whisper or give your full attention even though it was hard for you to do it? In church some parents caution their little ones to be quiet, and then turn around and whisper to a neighbour!

Do you remember to enter the house of God in a dignified manner, and maintain that quiet reverence throughout the service? Perhaps you never thought of that as being courteous, but it is. Be courteous to the speaker and to others participating in the service as they endeavor to make it interesting for you. And then notice that your "little shadow" is following you closely.

So, whatever we do, whatever we say, or wherever we are, we must set the right example ourselves. If we are courteous, so will be our children. Train your child well and leave no stone unturned to see that he does as you have instructed him—by precept and example. If you want your child to be courteous, you will be courteous yourself.

—Review and Herald

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### INTER-AMERICAN BREVITIES

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Haitian Seminary June 29 to July 3. In the summer of 1960 the first eight students to earn scholarships in Haiti blazed the trail for the 24 students who attended this institute, eager to follow their footsteps. Joseph Kelly, assistant publishing secretary for the South Haiti Mission, and Lucien Pierre, assistant for North Haiti, are throwing all their energy into the programme of selling truth-filled literature for scholarships. It is reported that at least two young men in the Port-au-Prince area are working long hours to take enough orders for a scholarship during the first five days of vacation.

► Elder E. H. Schneider of the West Indies Union and Elder and Mrs. I. T. Crowder, of Caribbean Union College, together with Elder V. W. Schoen of the Inter-American Division Temperance Department, attended the Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism conducted this year at the American University in Washington, D.C.



# Adventist Youth

## The Question for Happiness

By HAROLD E. FAGAL, Church Pastor

"What do you want most out of life?"

Wherever this question has been asked, the overwhelming response almost always is "Happiness."

But happiness is an elusive thing that defies the grasp of most people. The restlessness of this generation, the many divorces, the alarming number of suicides each year, give mute evidence to the fact that although most people are seeking happiness above everything else, only a few are finding it. What is wrong?

In the first place, materialism has so captivated the minds of people that they are fooled into thinking that happiness is found in the accumulation of the "things" with which our civilization abounds. The automobile designers work long hours to make this year's car look hopelessly out of date when the new model comes out. Fashion experts are dreaming up new ways to make the dresses in your present wardrobe look like relics of some bygone era by the time another season rolls around.

In the second place, we forget that happiness is not a tangible possession that remains with us once we have it, to be enjoyed forever. Happiness is something that must be achieved day by day. It is not something we can store up for future use; it can only come in fresh supply each day.

In the third place, happiness is not merely a feeling of being on top of the world; it is a feeling of being needed and useful in the world. True happiness is a by-product of unselfish service in the home, the church, and the community.

In God's plan, love is to play an important part in bringing about happiness. The love of father and mother, brother and sister, husband and wife, son and daughter, when entered into unselfishly, will bring happiness and a sense of well-being. But—never forget it—as long as we are in this world of sin, there will be

woven into the tapestries of our lives threads of disappointment, sorrow, and frustration. We cannot always expect to have our own way in the home, any more than we can in the world. There will be disappointments and trials, but we can be happy in spite of them. Happiness is not only a feeling, it is a way of life.

To those who have to work hard for every penny they get, it seems as though money holds the key to happiness. But have you ever heard what is the real difference between a rich man and a poor man? The poor man thinks that money will make him happy, while the rich man knows it won't.

Real happiness comes from doing, not having. All the money in the world will not buy happiness. A professor of psychology made this observation: "Success is getting what you want; happiness is wanting what you get." Not all can achieve success, according to this definition, but all

can achieve happiness. The apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians, "For I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content" (Phil. 4:11).

This does not mean that every experience that he met was easy to bear, for he faced some very trying experiences; it does mean that he always voted his approval to whatever the Lord permitted to come to him. He had learned that "all things work together for good to them that love God" (Rom. 8:28).

Happiness can be yours today if you seek it where it may be found. Do not try to find it by accumulating possessions, for Jesus said that "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15). True happiness is the dividend of service. We should not pray for easy lives, but pray to be stronger men and women. Our desire should be not for tasks equal to our powers, but for powers equal to our tasks. Then the accomplishment of our work will be no miracle, but we shall be the miracle.

—Review and Herald

## 10,000 MV's

Pledge loyalty to the Master  
in youth's congresses

throughout the Inter-American Division

In June and July seven youth Festivals of the Holy Scriptures were held in the Division. Next month THE MESSENGER will bring featured highlights of these convocations aimed to put the

## SPOTLIGHT ON THE BIBLE

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# Around the Unions

## Colombia-Venezuela

Colombia-Venezuela Union dedicates . . .

### New Office Building

On Sunday evening, May 28, all the workers and their families from the Colombia-Venezuela Union and the Voice of Prophecy office met with the Colombia-Venezuela College faculty members and their families in the worship room of the new office building to officially dedicate the new office building and to say "Adios" to the E. T. Burley family.

The writer led out in the dedication service and was assisted by Elders Antonio Ceballos and Luis Florez, both from the college. The new building, which has six offices and a worship room, was built at a cost of less than \$5,500.00. The Colombia-Venezuela Union headquarters has always been in rented quarters, and we are very happy to finally have a building of our own. With this new building the union and the Radio Bible School have ample office space—the latter is in a building next to the new union office building.

After the dedication a short programme was presented to honour

E. T. Burley and family who have served in this union for more than thirteen years. Brother Burley worked first as treasurer of the Pacific Mission and then moved to Medellin where he served as cashier of the union and for the last nine years as its treasurer. Their faithful service to the cause of God in the field has been greatly appreciated throughout the union, in all of whose fields they leave a host of friends. After their furlough they will work in another union in the Inter-American Division. We wish them God's richest blessings as they take up their responsibilities for Him elsewhere.

—A. R. Norcliffe

## Mexico

Visiting pastors assists with . . .

### Efforts in Mexico

Elder Antonio Arteaga of the Southeastern California Conference lent active aid to the Mexican Mission by conducting two series of evangelistic meetings in the Mexicali churches during April and May. He and Elder Salomon Bustillos, Mexicali district pastor, aided by the lay members, were able, upon completion

of the first effort, to baptise 18 persons, and 15 more after the second effort. Besides, each of the two Mexicali churches was left with a well attended baptismal class.

—D. H. Baasch

## Caribbean

Lay missionaries render service . . .

### Among Davis Indians

Equipped with a tractor which they had bought with a part of their savings, Brother and Sister Robert McCurdy arrived at the Paruima Mission station deep in the interior of British Guiana late in 1960, and since then Brother McCurdy has been busy plowing, managing the poultry farm, running the mission grocery, baking bread, and doing any other work he can to assist in the mission programme in addition to helping with the religious activities of the mission.

Another lay family which has rendered valuable service among the "Davis" Indians is that of Brother Don Wetenkamp who flew in to the mission station in January 1961 in his private plane. During the winter months when this brother could be away from his farm in Minnesota he flew many tons of merchandise for the mission and took the workers to visit a number of isolated groups which they are otherwise seldom able to visit.

—Milton E. Nebblett

## Franco-Haitian

Orlando layman give a . . .

### Lift in Haiti

The Franco-Haitian Union is indeed grateful to several Orlando, Florida, laymen who have given of themselves as well as of their means to further mission projects in Haiti. Leslie Sheffield, a painting contractor, and Bob Cushman, a building con-



Some of the offices of the Colombia-Venezuela Union and the office workers in front of the new union headquarters.

tractor, spent the first week in May at the Seminary in Port-au-Prince laying out and pouring the foundation for the new administration building. With this excellent beginning the work has gone forward remarkably well under the supervision of Robert Kloosterhuis, the Union secretary-treasurer, and Marcel Contave, a faithful Haitian brother.

On arriving in Haiti, Leslie Sheffield experienced some delay when the customs officials opened a suitcase containing 60 pounds of eyeglasses which he had brought for the small clinic in Port-au-Prince. When he was able to convince the officials that he, too, was a missionary, they let his unusual baggage pass.

On June 25, Dr. R. F. Swanson, the optometrist who had sparked the "Glasses for Haiti" project in Orlando, came to Port-au-Prince with his brother-in-law, Bob Schimik, ostensibly to vacation but most of all to fit the needy with glasses. After working for three days from the South Haiti Mission office, the doctor found his supply of glasses exhausted, but the line of some 200 persons waiting for examination was even longer than when he began his work of charity.

Only eternity can reveal the extent to which these works were definite answers to prayer, and we are sure that great will be their reward.

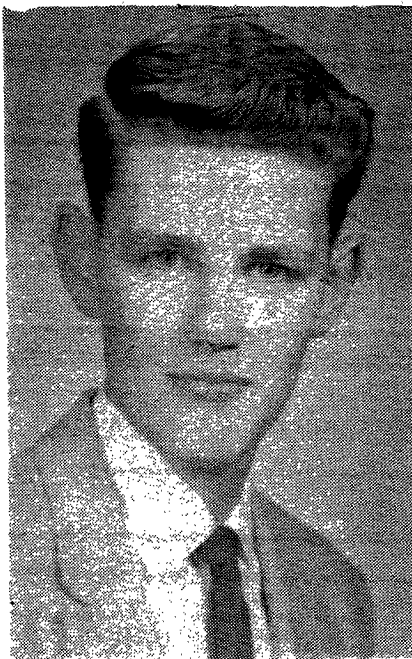
—C. L. Powers

## Student Missionary Serves in Haiti

Daniel Patchin, senior pre-medical student of Emmanuel Missionary College, is serving as a missionary intern this summer in Haiti. He was chosen from more than 1,500 students to represent his college and to become acquainted with the work in Haiti.

Mr. Patchin arrived in Port-au-Prince June 19 and will stay until the end of August. He attended the Youth Congress at Port-au-Prince, at which time he greeted some 2,000 Haitian youth. He will also attend the four-week theological extension school beginning July 16.

As missionary intern, Mr. Patchin made a 14-day trip into the southern provinces of Haiti. He traveled in this area with Pastor Josés Brutus, president of the South Haiti Mission.



Daniel Patchin.

He also plans to make an extensive trip throughout the northern part of Haiti.

Student Patchin is sent here in the interest of acquainting himself with missionary life and work so that he can in turn prepare himself and others for missionary service. Upon his return to the United States Daniel will speak and show coloured slides in many different churches and academies to help encourage other young people to prepare themselves for overseas service and also to help increase the flow of funds to foreign fields. As a result of his trip here Daniel has further confirmed his desire to become a missionary doctor.

The Student Association, the Missionary Volunteers, and the Junior Class of Emmanuel Missionary College are sponsoring this undertaking. May this project be the means of influencing many people to do more to hasten the work and the coming of Jesus.

Another young person spending his vacation months in Inter-America under a similar plan is Lester Mohr from Colombia Union College in Washington, D.C., who was drafted to direct the singing in a public effort as soon as he arrived.

Aside from that he is making himself useful doing whatever the workers ask him to do as he labours with them in Curacao.

—Ruth Kloosterhuis

# Central American

Union president reports encouraging . . .

## Mission Ventures

The Guatemala Mission has purchased a small plot of ground off the Inter-American Highway at San Cristobal, near Quezaltenango, in which to start a little clinic. Dr. Antonio Solares, a Guatemalan, recently finished his studies, completed his internship, and wrote his thesis, thereby qualifying as a regular registered doctor to practice medicine in Guatemala. Dr. Solares, his wife, and three children will be moving to San Cristobal shortly to open up a medical unit for the 85,000 inhabitants of the area.

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A group of nine young people led by Elders John McIntosh, organizer of the project, and Joe Espinoza, evangelist, drove 4,700 miles from the Central California Conference on a Share-Your-Faith missionary adventure to the Puerto Limon district in Costa Rica. They arrived at their destination July 30, and the next day they launched their evangelistic effort. The young people are taking care of the visiting, music and physical arrangements in the hall. The attendance averages around 850 persons.

—L. L. Reile

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# Inter-American Brevities

► The thirty-ninth graduation exercises of West Indies College were held July 7-9, 1961. Diplomas were handed out by acting president K. G. Vaz to 29 graduates, five of which received Bachelor of Theology degrees. The consecration, baccalaureate, and commencement addresses were delivered by Elders O. S. Rugless, J. C. Culpepper and Dr. W. J. S. Farris respectively.

► A theological extension school for workers was held at the Franco-Haitian Seminary in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, July 16 to August 12. Elder Daniel Chavez, head of the department of theology at Antillian College taught courses in Pauline Epistles and Prophetic Guidance, and Elder Kenneth Vaz, acting president of West Indies College, taught Homiletics and Principles of Evangelism. Fifty-six workers, including pastors, pastor-teachers, seminary teachers, and mission office personnel from French Guiana, Martinique, Guadeloupe, and Haiti enrolled in these courses. It was the goal of the summer school to set the Franco-Haitian Union ablaze for God through a ministry whose hearts are burning with a passion for souls.

► Three hundred fifty lay brethren and workers attended the Lay Preacher Convention held in the new Central Church auditorium in Panama City June 30 to July 3. Elder R. R. Drachenberg, conference president, together with V. W. Schoen of the Division Lay Activities Department and D. C. Preiner of the same department of the Central American Union, shared their enthusiasm and instruction with the brethren who returned to their homes eager to enter more actively than ever into the lay evangelism programme. Very profitable conventions were also held in San Jose, Costa Rica, and Managua, Nicaragua.

► Brother Rafael Curbelo, new publishing department secretary of the East Cuba Conference, reports that in the first six months of the present year the colporteurs have sold literature for the value of 36 of

## Treasures in Heaven

**"That there may be meat in Mine house.' It is our duty to be temperate in all things, in eating, and in dressing. Our buildings and the furnishing of our homes should be carefully considered with the heart's desire to render to God his own, not only in tithes, but as far as possible in gifts and offerings also. Very many might be laying up for themselves treasures in heaven, by keeping the Lord's storehouse supplied with the portion He claims as His own, and with gifts and offerings."—Messages to Young People, p. 307.**

the 65 thousand pesos they have set themselves as a goal for the year. The June sales alone amounted to over \$10,000 pesos. The brethren trust that with the Lord's help sales will continue good and that paper will be available to print the many books that are being sold.

► The men's dormitory at the Franco-Haitian Seminary has been

completely renovated by plastering the rooms for the first time and painting them a very light green. This same tint of green was used in painting the upper two thirds of the halls, and a slightly darker tone for the lower third. The doors and windows are all painted dark green. New beds where needed, new mattresses for all the rooms, and new chairs complete the picture.

► On June 18 a new welfare centre was inaugurated in the village of Tacotalpa, Tabasco, by the Southeast Section of the "Association Civil Filantropica y Educativa." The mayor of Tacotalpa, Mr. Ramon Palomeque, was present for the inauguration ceremony and did the honours cutting the ribbon at the entrance. The centre is equipped for giving first aid, simple medical treatments, and temporary refuge to the poor and needy.

► Elder J. C. Culpepper, publishing secretary of the Inter-American Division, joined Lamartine Honore, publishing secretary for Haiti, in holding an enthusiastic student-colporteur institute at the Franco-  
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Partial group of candidates baptised as a result of the efforts conducted by Elder R. R. Henneberg in Managua, Nicaragua. This group raises the total of believers baptised to 58.