



## A DAY OF POWER

By L. L. REILE

The terrible mushrooms of atomic explosions, the mysterious and far-reaching energy of this fearful power, or the awful force of the hydrogen bomb are not, after all, the mightiest power in our world today. There is a higher power at work: a power that changes the lives of men, power that takes the world's derelicts, men who have no directing force in their lives — no will power except for evil — and transforms them into Christian men capable of and anxious to save others. The forces directed by Divinity are ever more powerful than the forces directed by the Evil One.

One of the many manifestations of this power of God is seen in the results of the radio broadcasts that go out into the nothingness of the ether and return in tangible conversions of men's lives. The Inter-American Division, stretching from the banks of the Rio Grande on the north to the *llanos* of Venezuela and the Amazon jungles that border the Guianas on the south, now has 99 stations that bring the health message, so closely interwoven with the fabric of the third angel's message, to hearts that might be closed by prejudice to other aspects of religion. Then there are 34 stations giving out religious programs, one television telecast and 12 broadcasts put on the air by individual ministers.

What are the results of these messages from the air? We see them in 108,993 persons graduated from the radio Bible correspondence courses up to the end of the first quarter of 1957 in the Inter-American Division. The precious results of baptisms through the radio broadcasts are also marvelous, for 13,194 persons have been added to the Adventist church in this wonderful way in our territory.

There is no more enthusiastic believer in the efficacy of the radio broadcasts than Emilio Torres Zaldivar in San German, Cuba. Himself a convert brought into the church through the radio program, he has enrolled 1,000 persons in the radio Bible correspondence course. He employs boys riding six bicycles, bought by him, to distribute and pick up lessons for the correspondence school in his home town. Now he, his wife and oldest son are baptized and they have a Sabbath school and church organized in San German. The spirit of the new Sabbath school is seen in the fact that they have six branch Sabbath schools.

Some time ago a friend invited the minister of a Protestant church in Sabana Seca, Manati, Puerto Rico, to enroll in the radio Bible correspondence course. The pastor of the church found the lessons so profitable that he decided to teach them systematically to his church members. Napoleon Charles, in charge of the district of Manati, heard about this interest awakened through the radio broadcasts and the correspondence school, and went to investigate the situation. To his surprise he found a whole church studying the Adventist message. He began a series of meetings and organized a Sabbath school under the leadership of Brother Alejo Lopez and his wife, members of the nearby church of La Vega. The enthusiasm of this new congregation and their reverence in the house of God make a profound impression on the visitor. The first group of this new congregation will soon be baptized.

Let us thank God for the power of the gospel, the mightiest force in the world today, and let us line up our efforts on the side of this marvelous winning force.

# Evangelism

## IN THE INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION

### In the Dominican Republic

Since the beginning of 1957 evangelism has come to the front in the Dominican Mission. Evangelists Eligio and Evaristo Gonzalez have formed a team which we affectionately call "Gonzalez Brothers and Company." In spite of some opposition they held a successful series of evangelistic meetings in the picturesque city of La Vega. Now the Gonzalez Brothers and Company have gone to the second city of this beautiful republic, Santiago de los Caballeros and we see that the attendance at that church has at least been doubled and sometimes even tripled in just a few weeks. This team has wonderful enthusiasm and fervor and we are very happy that God is blessing them in their work and giving them a larger vision of evangelism.

In the city of the crystal lakes, Barahona, Evangelist Ramon Salcedo has also begun a series of meetings in the church. The church members have cooperated wholeheartedly and the attendance has been multiplied by four. The minister of a church of another faith attended a few lectures with all his congregation, with the result that some of the members continue to attend regularly. The brethren have put the church building in order so that all may enjoy the evangelistic meetings now.

Here in Ciudad Trujillo, the Athens of the New World, Elder Max Grunzeug has organized the lay preachers in such an efficient way that every Tuesday and Thursday there are meetings led by them. They usually have 36 to 40 of these meetings being carried on in different places at the same time. They have already had two baptisms, bringing the newly baptized members up to 95, the majority of whom have been won as a direct result of these lay meetings.

It is our firm determination to give more and more emphasis to the evangelization of this country, since this is really the task that God has committed to his ministers.

—A. J. Stewart

### In Mexico

After three months of intensive labor for those who live without God or hope in this confusing world, it is a privilege to give a resume of the evangelistic campaign carried on in the south of Mexico in the cities of

laboratory; he also works in a government hospital and is a professor in the Institute of Social Studies in Chiapas. Another brother is a lawyer. A third brother manages two large factories, and a sister is a trained nurse. They are all married and with their families they form a large group. Eight members of this family were baptized while others are waiting the next occasion to join the church.

The first Sabbath in June we had the privilege of burying in the symbolic waters of baptism 33 candidates. We believe this is only the beginning for more than 400 interested people, who have signed decision cards during the meetings, re-



Elder Rodrigo Bustillos (left, front row) with his evangelistic team and baptismal candidates.

Tuxtla Gutierrez and Ocozocuaula in the state of Chiapas.

We started our meetings the 10th of March and finished the 1st of June making a total of 12 weeks. From the first to the last, the meetings were well attended, both in Tuxtla Gutierrez, where the church was always full, and in Ocozocuaula, where we had meetings in an open court or patio, rented for that purpose. The last week in Ocozocuaula the people were happy to have the meetings in our own new church, although it was yet unfinished. With the new church building and the new member there, the work should make rapid growth.

There were many wonderful conversions which touched our hearts. One large family accepted the message. One member of the family is a doctor with his own office and la-

main, besides others who are also interested but had not signed cards.

We appreciate the cooperation of the South Mexican Mission and their backing during this campaign. We also appreciate the willingness of the three workers and the Bible worker who were with us during the three months. Truly, without their help, very little would have been accomplished. We also wish to thank the members of the church who helped so effectively with the distribution of announcements and with their attendance and with their prayers. We believe their prayers were answered. But, above all, we thank God for His protection and care over all of us, and for the privilege that He gives us of contributing a small part to the enormous task of evangelizing all the world in this generation.

—Rodrigo Bustillos.

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# Baptismal Report

Inter-American Division, SDA First Six Months, Ending June 30, 1957

| Mission or Conference            | Baptized to Date | Goal to Date | % of Goal Reached |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Dominican                        | 212              | 300          | 70.6              |
| East Cuba                        | 84               | 150          | 56.0              |
| Puerto Rico                      | 243              | 500          | 48.6              |
| West Cuba                        | 91               | 200          | 45.5              |
| <b>ANTILLIAN UNION</b>           | <b>630</b>       | <b>1150</b>  | <b>54.7</b>       |
| Bahamas                          | 36               | 76           | 47.3              |
| Cayman Islands                   | 4                | 20           | 20.0              |
| East Jamaica                     | 717              | 750          | 95.6              |
| West Jamaica                     | 706              | 1000         | 70.6              |
| <b>BRITISH WEST INDIES UNION</b> | <b>1463</b>      | <b>1846</b>  | <b>79.2</b>       |
| British Guiana                   | 58               | 326          | 17.8              |
| Leeward Islands                  | 252              | 400          | 63.0              |
| South Caribbean                  | 236              | 500          | 47.2              |
| Surinam                          | 15               | 24           | 62.5              |
| <b>CARIBBEAN UNION</b>           | <b>561</b>       | <b>1250</b>  | <b>44.9</b>       |
| British Honduras                 | 97               | 54           | 179.6             |
| Costa Rica                       | 13               | 94           | 13.8              |
| Guatemala                        | 42               | 176          | 23.9              |
| Honduras                         | 11               | 100          | 11.0              |
| Nicaragua                        | 82               | 100          | 82.0              |
| Panama                           | 284              | 126          | 225.4             |
| Salvador                         | 59               | 100          | 59.0              |
| <b>CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION</b>    | <b>588</b>       | <b>750</b>   | <b>78.4</b>       |
| Atlantic Colombia                | 221              | 200          | 110.5             |
| Colombian Islands                | —                | 20           | 00.0              |
| East Venezuela                   | 58               | 100          | 58.0              |
| Netherlands Antilles             | 30               | 100          | 30.0              |
| Pacific Colombia                 | 121              | 124          | 97.6              |
| Upper Magdalena                  | 304              | 376          | 80.9              |
| West Venezuela                   | 67               | 112          | 59.8              |
| <b>COLOMBIA-VENEZUELA UNION</b>  | <b>801</b>       | <b>1032</b>  | <b>77.6</b>       |
| Haitian                          | 211              | 624          | 33.8              |
| French West Indies               | 136              | 188          | 72.3              |
| <b>FRANCO-HAITIAN UNION</b>      | <b>347</b>       | <b>812</b>   | <b>42.7</b>       |
| Central Mexican                  | 35               | 100          | 35.0              |
| Inter-Oceanic                    | 110              | 200          | 55.0              |
| North Mexican                    | 83               | 200          | 41.5              |
| Pacific Mexican                  | 73               | 124          | 58.9              |
| South Mexican                    | 90               | 200          | 45.0              |
| Southeast Mexican                | 112              | 200          | 56.0              |
| <b>MEXICAN UNION</b>             | <b>503</b>       | <b>1024</b>  | <b>49.1</b>       |
| <b>INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION</b>   | <b>4893</b>      | <b>7864</b>  | <b>62.2</b>       |

## Elegy:

Dedicated to the Memory of

**EDWARD A. GREAVES**

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The sun has set to rise no more  
On this wild, rocky, treach'rous shore,—  
The fair moon with her silver light,  
The glowing stars all out of sight.  
Says mother earth, "Come home, my son  
Thy work is done."

'Twas never God's eternal plan  
That we should live so brief a span  
'Twas Satan's foul infernal lie:  
"O Mother Eve, thou shalt not die!"  
'Twas but a fiend's false press release.  
So, rest in peace.

A sturdy thrift, a life sublime,  
Plain footmarks on the sands of time,—  
Yea, many a man thou didst entreat  
With thee on yonder shore to meet.  
Then sleepest thou at God's behest.  
Sweet by thy rest!

No joy nor fret nor sorrow knows  
Thy silent undisturbed repose;  
Quite still thou liest now instead,  
Thy garden blooms around thy bed.  
An offspring shining in thy race  
Shall see thy face.

Stay! Let me whisper while we weep:  
"He only takes a rest in sleep  
To wake on resurrection morn  
His Lord to greet, no more forlorn."  
"Arise, amidst eternal bliss,—  
Next shore, not this."

—J. P. Buntin



# Messages

## TO THE CHURCH

### "NOT AS THE WORLD GIVETH"

By LOUIS K. DICKSON

In these days of worldwide upheaval and turmoil, confusion and uncertainty, it is highly important that all of us find our way to resources of peace on which we can draw in every time of trouble and perplexity. Said Jesus: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

The apostle Peter, after picturing most vividly the closing up of this world's history by fire, says to the church: "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless" (2 Peter 3:14).

Manifestly, the need of the church and each one of us is for increasing capacity for inward peace and discernment. Our minds and hearts are to be calm and composed before every provocation. This is possible through the provision that the grace of God has made for every believing soul.

The victory of the church over all the problems that have existed during the past years of turmoil and strife, particularly during the early centuries, was found in its ability through faith to remain steadfast and secure even though surrounded by insecurity, commotion, and danger.

God has proposed that such steadfastness will again, in this our day, bring the church to the solution of her problems.

To attain this must be our chief objective now so that the greatest witness of our history as a movement established by God may be given. The present sketchy and superficial character of Christian living in the church, wherein many ills threaten her very life, is largely attributable to the absence of actual possession of the Spirit of Christ, with its accompanying peace.

It was through a living experience with Christ that the apostle Paul could in Acts 20:24 declare, "But none of these things move me, neither count

I my life dear unto myself." By great exertion most people can maintain an inner peace for a while, especially when all goes well and their ways prosper. But let something of an adverse nature come along or a baffling circumstance engulf them suddenly, and away goes their peace.

Christ intended that our people should be constant and onflowing as a river (Isa. 48:18). "Peace I leave with you," said He, "my peace I give unto you." Such peace is not born of an outer calm but of an inner Christ. It cannot be disturbed by outward sting or storm. Such peace is produced by a presence — the presence of Him who said, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Rev. 3:20).

#### The Presence of Christ

When Christ enters, He fully enters. It is not a partial entrance—it is not a half presence or a quarter presence, but a full presence of his Spirit.

The peace of God within — what a wonderful thought. How marvelous and how strong must be God's peace! With Him there is no fear, no defeat, no frailty, no dread for the future, no purpose unfulfilled.

"A life in Christ is a life of restfulness. Uneasiness, dissatisfaction, and restlessness reveal the absence of the Saviour. If Jesus is brought into the life that life will be filled with good and noble works for the Master. You will forget to be self-serving, and will live closer and still closer to the dear Saviour, your character will become Christlike, and all around you will take knowledge that you have been with Jesus and learned of Him." — Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 487.

"If our lives are filled with holy fragrance, if we honor God by having good thoughts toward others, and doing good deeds to bless others, and matters not whether we live in a cot-

tage or a palace. Circumstances have but little to do with the experiences of the soul. It is the spirit cherished which gives coloring to all our actions. A man at peace with God and his fellow men cannot be made miserable. Envy will not be in his heart; evil surmising will find no room there; hatred cannot exist. The heart in harmony with God is lifted above the annoyances and trials of this life."—*Ibid.*, p. 488.

We must, then, avoid the ever-present danger that confronts us now. We must not allow the dust of the present upheaval that engulfs mankind to stifle our spirituality. This is the hour when there is to be the brightest manifestation of the efficacy of God's grace bringing unmistakable and constant peace into human hearts and lives. God's mighty enabling power is now to be seen in all its glory. For this the remnant church now exists — we must not fail.

Our hearts must be kept open to the quieting assurances of God's comforting voice. The danger is that in the bewildering medley of voices about us, we hear only the note of stridency, of urgency, of weariness, of cynicism, of alarm, that dominates the atmosphere around the globe.

Atheism claims one half of the world today. In such a time there is great danger that the church may compromise. "The devil is come down unto you having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Satan himself has now taken the field for the last great stand for world possession. This conclusion is inevitable as we see evidences of direction and a unity of control that cannot be explained in terms of the working of the human mind alone.

O how we need to make certain that we have found resources of power, of faith, and of courage that will give us peace and enable us to stand. "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna" (Rev. 2:17). There is refreshment and nourishment available for every emergency and need. Let us not confine the

words of this prophecy to some remote time is the future. These resources are for the overcomer now. There is strengthening food, sustaining food, given to the one who stands in the fighting line.

### Renewal of Power Daily

How long can you go on in peace surrounded by strife and commotion? How far can you go in an atmosphere of discouragement when you are under unjust fire from the enemy, perhaps working through your familiar brethren and professed friends? How far can you go on in the face of apparent ineffectiveness and open contempt and misjudging of your motives? How much "hidden manna" — resources of peace and full assurance — have you?

Let there be no uncertainty at this point now in your experience. The apostles tell us of an experience in Christ where we may "be renewed in the spirit of your mind" (Eph. 4:23); "renewed in knowledge" (Col. 3:10); "The grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant" (I Tim. 1:14); "Great grace was upon them all" (Acts 4:33); "We have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand" (Rom. 5:2); "They which receive abundance of grace shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ" (verse 17); "Grace did much more abound" (Rom. 5:20; see verse 21; 2 Cor. 9:8). Christ knew what this experience was. "I have meat to eat that ye know not of" (John 4:32; see ch. 6:27).

The greatest witness to the re-

deeming grace of Christ that the church can now give is to live the more abundant life of peace and staying power. We must now make it crystal clear to the whole world that the ground of our hope and confidence in meeting the present situation rests not chiefly on the strength and extent of our church establishments or even the proofs of doctrine, or upon anything else, but upon the fact that God is dwelling in the hearts of His people by "the Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that obey him" (Acts 5:32).

What would it mean in terms of a finished work if the possession of God's peace were to be seen in every member of the church today!

—Review and Herald.

## A WEEK OF PRAYER AND SACRIFICE OFFERING

By A. L. HAM

How shall they hear without a preacher? How shall they preach except they be sent? (Romans 10:14, 15.)

The person inspired to ask those questions answered them in his own life's labors and by giving his fortune to save lost souls.

The founding fathers of this movement answered by also giving their lives and their possessions to further the interests of the cause of God in saving souls for the kingdom. In this they were following in the footsteps of the Master who commanded His followers to "go teach all nations." He had left all to come to this world to seek and save that which was lost.

"The cause of God is to hold the first place in our plans and affections. There is need of bearing a straight message concerning the indulgence of self while the cause of God is in needs of means." C.S. p. 220.

It is so easy in these days of comparative plenty and prosperity for us to become indifferent to the spiritual needs of millions of people for whom Christ gave His precious life.

Our giving for missions is not keeping pace with the increased salaries and income of our people in many lands. It is not keeping pace with the increase of tithe which reflects somewhat the increased standard of living in most countries of the world. Why should we be less liberal with the church now than when we had less from which to give? We read

"Some, when in poverty, are generous with their little; but as they

acquire property, they become penurious. The reason they have so little faith is because they do not keep moving forward as they prosper and give to the cause of God even at a sacrifice."—Testimonies to the Church, vol. 4, p. 77.

The needs of the cause of God are ever increasing as the work grows and is extended to the ends of the earth. We rejoice to see the progress and to know that the interests of the cause are established in countries having 98.5% of the population of the earth, but do we forget that still in these countries there are millions of souls waiting to be saved through the power of the gospel? Do we forget that the 22 small countries and political divisions having a population 1.5 per cent of the world's inhabitants are still behind doors closed to this message, except that by radio and Bible schools some are hearing it?

My dear brethren and sisters, while we gratefully rejoice in the wonderful progress of the message in all the world, let us be sympathetic to its urgent needs. Let us join this coming Week of Prayer in giving the largest Week of Sacrifice offering ever received.

It has been my privilege to visit the world field. We have listened to our work in most of the divisions of earnest appeals for financial help and we have seen the urgent needs. We have been distressed by the fact that so often we could not provide for

such needs. It ought not to be so now when we are nearing the end, when the Lord has promised "to do a quick work in the earth." Doors are still open, but some are showing signs of closing. Some new doors are opening and we must be ready to enter these immediately they open with the message for this time. It is getting harder right along to carry on our world missions. Obstacles are arising before us and new problems are coming to our leaders in all parts of the world.

Let us think again, and very seriously, of souls waiting to be saved by the gospel — the millions dying without knowing Him and His salvation. Stand on the crossroads of the continents; travel through the countries, the cities, the towns, the villages; see the multitudes of human beings — souls for whom Christ died, still waiting for His message of love and salvation. With Paul and me you will cry, "How shall they hear without a preacher? How shall they preach except they be sent?"

The answer of the church in great measure, may be found in our response to the appeal for the annual week of sacrifice offering, Sabbath, November 22. We sincerely hope that every church member in this division field will join heartily with the believers in other lands in this week of prayer and dedication. Also in this week of sacrifice for the speedy completion of the work we have been sent to do. May God bless each of you in so doing.

# For all the Family

## "A JOYFUL MOTHER OF CHILDREN"

By LOIS CHRISTIAN RANDOLPH

On an Ingathering tour in mountain territory I came to a white house with a back porch securely enclosed with chicken wire and a gate. The automatic washing machine hummed merrily. Through the kitchen door I spied a baby sleeping in a bassinet. A toddler eighteen or twenty months old shuttled from the kitchen to the porch and back again in rapid succession. "Have you had some extra help with your washing?" I queried, since the lady of the house was sweeping up some white powder that had been sprinkled on the porch floor.

"Yes, my little girl tried to carpet the floor with detergent while I stepped out a moment or two. My own fault entirely. I didn't put the box out of reach."

"You don't look a bit annoyed. That is unusual."

"I can tell you exactly why. I was married ten years before we had any children. I know all about a house that stayed in order day after day, quiet as a tomb until my husband came home at night. I know all about the monotony of silence and long hours of wondering what to do with myself after the house work and fancywork had become boring. Now I know something else — interesting days filled with the activities of two small girls, a baby's smile, and a living room cluttered with blocks. My house is not so orderly as before, but it is a happier place. Living is fun now.

Why did I tell all that to you, a perfect stranger?" the mother asked as she handed me an offering at the porch gate.

"I appreciate your telling me. It is an inspiration to meet such a contented mother. My children are grown and gone, and I can assure you that you had better hug closely every minute with your precious babies. There is a verse from the Bible that just fits your experience. 'He maketh

the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the Lord' (Ps. 113:9), and also another: 'Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is his reward' (Ps. 127:3)."

"Well, I never knew there was anything like that in the Bible," responded the mother, as she reached out to receive some of the free papers I had along for distribution.

Indeed the goal of noble womanhood is found in the Bible — to be a "joyful mother of children." As one reads questions on child training sent to various periodicals, one wonders how many people know of these texts. The queries usually run something like this:

"My son is disrespectful to me and contradicts everything I say. What shall I do?"

"My child slaps his baby brother and even bites and kicks him. How can I stop him?"

"My little daughter sucks her thumb. Is that dangerous?"

"My two children aged four and six, quarrel continually. What remedy can you suggest?"

And so the questions go. On and on. Seldom does one find a question such as, "What can I as a parent do so that I will have more freedom from tension and more patience to deal with my little flock?" Or, "How can I develop more imagination, more humor, and more poise and understanding so that every little problem will not upset me? How can I put myself in the place of my children and have more fun in my motherhood?"

Having fun as a mother will not necessarily mean a lessening of the sense of responsibility. But it will mean that there will be a better atmosphere in which to discharge the duties of the highest calling in the

world. A sense of humor will help the mother to retain the proper perspective, to distinguish between the important and the unimportant. Happy is the mother who can laugh with her children. One mother remembers telling her children about John the Baptist and his abstemious diet of locusts and wild honey. That night when they had ice cream for supper, her oldest girl, aged four, came forth with this suggestion: "Couldn't we save some of this ice cream for John the Baptist?"

Happy is the mother who keeps a book of funny sayings; who stops to admire the butterflies; who takes time to place in water the flowering weed that her five-year-old botanist brings in admiringly, rather than shouting, "Take those dirty weeds out of here, I tell you. I've just scrubbed the sink and the drainboard."

Occasionally parents may be guilty of what the psychologists call projection, which is only a fancy name for placing the blame on others when we should shoulder it ourselves. It is the trait exhibited by Adam when he told the Lord, "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat" (Gen. 3:12). When we blame children for tracking in dirt or for being noisy on a rainy day, it may be we who are irritable and unreasonable. It may be we who have failed to provide an interesting and profitable outlet for energy. It may likewise be we who lack humor and a sense of what is important and what is unimportant.

When I was a child of eight, in some unaccountable way I got the idea that oilcloth and cheesecloth were synonymous. When Mother sent me to the store for some yards of cheesecloth, I returned with the prettiest pattern of oilcloth I could find. Mother laughed at the interchange, and merely said, "We can easily use that pretty oilcloth some other time; just go back and buy the needed cheesecloth."

Another time I came home crying as if my heart would break. A first-

## MOUNTAINS OR MOLEHILLS?

By Mrs. KENNETH BEEM

You have probably observed your friends and neighbors with their little ones and thought how strict or how lax certain ones were on various matters. But what do you emphasize with your child? Have you ever noticed?

A great many things help create the sense of values we possess. We are all so different. Environment, heredity, education, likes and dislikes — all mold and influence us.

We mean to emphasize right conduct and standards at all times in dealing with our children. They are with us such a short time, we realize that every day counts. There are a few tendencies that we should carefully guard against, however. Nagging and vain repetitions are not emphasis; unassociated punishments do very little to establish or emphasize

a lesson; to belittle and embarrass a child is never excusable.

The greatest emphasis can be forcibly and permanently registered by parents in very early years when absolute love and understanding exit. The child's attitudes toward God, parents, and others change little in later years. Only his way of expressing them will change.

It is on principle that emphasis should be placed rather than on the multitude of daily incidents that occur to please or annoy us. If principle is involved, nothing is trivial or unimportant, however small its appearance. But if we overemphasize little details, what will we do when something big happens?

If we use good judgment in this respect, we will find it much easier to discipline, because children have

a keen sense of justice and will respond to it. It is an unwise parent or teacher who stresses everything one day and lets it all go the next, or is inconsistent in punishment by giving a big penalty for a small offence and vice versa.

Most of our serious difficulty lies in the fact that we may lose the confidence and love of our children by our own blunders of carelessness or ignorance. As long as confidence is maintained, though there will be problems, they will merely be problems of guidance, and they can easily be worked out with the young people. It is quite another thing to attempt working with sullen, unresponsive, maladjusted children. The best hope here is to love them into doing what is right.

The child should be lovingly yet firmly instructed and guided in such a way as to lead him day by day toward the kingdom of God.

—Review and Herald.

grade neighbor boy had put his filthy hands into the half pint of whipping cream I was carrying home in a small tin pail. Mother laughed as if that were the funniest thing that had ever happened at our house. All the dirty streaks running through the cream must have looked comical to an adult. "He even took the lid off," I lamented, still sobbing. Mother told me that it would have been really serious if I had put my dirty hands into somebody's cream.

Summer vacation is the golden time to have fun with the children. Some few mothers, like Mrs. Terry, have to be taught what a valuable time it can be. One day when she was washing woodwork in the kitchen, her eight-year-old Margaret called excitedly, "Come, Mother, It's important. Come quick."

Thinking that perhaps her boy of six had been hurt, she rushed out. "What's he matter?" Mother could detect nothing calling for excitement.

"See that mother cat. She is taking a walk with her two kittens." A bit tired the mother sat down with her two children on the back steps to watch. Mother cat found a sunny place and lay down; the two kittens frolicked over her and around her, or they stopped for nourishment. It was a scene of perfect relaxation,

quite the opposite of the mother's tense and efficient self. For several minutes the three sat in silent admiration. All her daughter said was, "I like that mother cat."

The next day when the mother was kneading bread the daughter again came to the door. "Come, Mother. It's important. Come quick." The call was more insistent than the day before. All Mrs. Terry saw was the same mother cat with a kitten on each side, settling them in the same sunny spot they had enjoyed the day before. Again the three sat down to enjoy the playfulness of the kittens and the repose of the mother cat. Finally Margaret announced, "That cat is like you, Mother. She has two kittens." Silence. Then wistfully, "I wish you were more like that cat, Mother."

"Me like that cat? Why?"

Like a shot came the answer, "She takes her kittens for walks, and she watches them play."

Mother asked, "What do you wish me to do, Margaret?"

"Play with us, and take us for walks on other days besides Sabbath." Again silence. The mother was lost in her own reproachful thoughts.

Soon she announced: "I have a plan for the summer vacation. You

and Buster can help me some in the morning to get the work done; then in the afternoon from one to three we shall have time together for fun—Happy Hours we shall call the time. Sometimes we shall take our lunch to the river, and you can play in the sand. Sometimes we can go out in the woods and pick flowers. Another time we might take even the whole day off and go to the beach."

Another quick retort: "You won't say to us," "Now run away and play. Don't bother me!"

"No, I promise not to say that, Margaret, because now you are eight and Buster is six. You really can help me so that we can have Happy Hours every day except Friday. But we can have extra time on Sabbath afternoon when Daddy is here."

The plan worked well. Actually the mother confessed that she felt more rested than she had in years with the two hours off in the afternoon for fun.

Mrs. Terry beamed as she told the story. "To think that I had to learn one of the most vital lessons of motherhood from my daughter's observation of a mother cat. When I feel busy and tense, I hear again my daughter's voice. "Come quick. It's important. We're growing up fast. Come quick."

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# Adventist Youth

## A DATE AT THE RACE TRACK

By W. W. FORDHAM

You have a date at the race track.

I am not talking about automobile or horse racing. Neither am I referring to the race tracks that are publicized in high school and college circles today. I am talking about the greatest race of the ages — the race for eternal life. And the question comes to you and to me, Am I running to win?

For us to understand and appreciate this race, and to know how to run in order to win, we will have to acquaint ourselves with the discipline put forth by athletes so that they can excel. We have no better trainer or coach than the apostle Paul. He wrote:

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do not run aimlessly, I do not box as one beating the air but I pommel my body and subdue it, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified" (1 Cor. 9:24-27, R.S.V.)

From the reading of these verses it would seem that the apostle to the Gentiles was thoroughly familiar with the great Olympic races that were held in Greece. The restrictions that were placed upon these young people during training are described in **The Acts of the Apostles**, beginning with page 309. They had to undergo a severe preparatory training. Any gratification that would retard mental or physical vigor was strictly forbidden. For one to have any hope of success in these tests of strength and speed, the muscles had to be strong and the nerves well under control. Both body and mind had to be perfectly conditioned by a program of self-discipline.

### The Prize To Be Won

On the day of the race, thousands would be assembled in the grandstand. The contestants, after having gone through the rigid period of training, would be lined up at the starting point, eagerly awaiting the signals. All were cognizant of the danger to be encountered. It was not uncom-

mon for a runner to fall to the ground, bleeding at the mouth and nose. Sometimes a contestant would drop dead when about to seize the prize.

Yet in spite of the hazards, and in spite of the fact that only one could receive the prize, these young athletes were willing to deny themselves every harmful habit and undergo severe discipline for the thrill of participating in this great event. And what was the prize? No a gold medal or an engraved silver cup. The only reward for winning was a garland wreath and the applause from the spectators, both of which faded away.

If those young men were willing to make such great sacrifices and postpone so many of the enjoyments of this life in order to receive a prize that would soon vanish, how much more earnest should the Christian be in bringing appetite and passion under control, and in throwing aside all harmful habits and practices of this life so that he might win the crown of eternal life.

Are you running to win? Many are running today without a sense of direction. They are just running — running like the football player of another decade, who on a certain occasion was running with the ball, but was running to the wrong goal line. In the race for eternal life we have been admonished that we should not allow our attention to be diverted by amusements, luxuries, or ease, and that all habits and passions must be brought under the strictest discipline.

### Reasons for Self-Denial

One great reason why we follow certain rigid and so-called peculiar habits is because we are determined to win life's race. In our dress we do not follow the customs of the world in burdening ourselves down with jewelry and cosmetics. And why do we not believe in dancing? The simplest answer is: "I am running to win." The dances of today certainly will not fit an individual to win.

Our refusal to sing the popular songs of today is due to the fact that we are running to win. Can I idolize

rock and roll and other cheap and shallow types of music and still expect my mind to stay on the race? My young friends, we can never rock and roll our way into heaven.

We can settle the question of the kind of pictures we look at by asking ourselves, Can I honestly enjoy the pictures of Hollywood, whether they come over my television set or on the screen of the local theatre, and at the same time keep my mind and heart on the crown that is imperishable?

We do not smoke or drink or eat certain foods because they will affect our minds and our bodies adversely. They will weaken our physical, mental, and spiritual powers, and thus undermine our ability to run the race of life triumphantly.

The question of marrying outside the faith can be settled also with the inquiry, "Am I running to win?" It is a dangerous thing to form a worldly alliance by marrying outside of the faith. When a professed Christian marries one who does not love the Lord, he thereby indicates that he is choosing his life companion in preference to Jesus. His alliance with heaven is jeopardized, and personal salvation is in danger.

Singleheartedness of purpose will always characterize the Christian who is running the race for eternal life. "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God" (Heb. 12:1,2, R. S. V.).

We must look to Jesus, our perfect pattern, who was able to win and who is now seated at the right hand of the Father. The race is almost over. We are nearing the finish line. Let us not take our eyes for a moment off the goal. Jesus is standing there with your imperishable crown. Run to win.

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# With the Departments

## Temperance

### CONTEST

The temperance oratorical contest is causing enthusiasm in all the Unions of the Inter-American Division. The winner of the contest in each Union will be given a free trip to Havana, Cuba for the MV Golden Anniversary Congress in December.

In Medellin, Colombia "El Gran Concorso Oratoria Pro Temperancia" was held at the ICOLVEN training school on July 13. Elder Ismael Rojas writes: "The program was wonderful. Some of the radio stations as well as the most important newspapers gave us good publicity so that we had a fine attendance. The judges were chosen from some members of the consular corps, representatives from the press, from the University of Antioquia and some Adventist ministers. The public in the audience as well as the members of the board of judges were greatly impressed as they heard the orations of the five young men and two young ladies who took part. They congratulated us profusely. There were seven prizes given, but the trip to Cuba, the first prize, was won by Ernesto Andrade, a colporteur evangelist."

—B.W.

## Radio

### LETTERS

A few days ago we were happily surprised on opening a letter in our radio correspondence school office to find \$50 in five and ten peso bills. On reading the letter we learned that the money was for tithe and that it was sent by a lady who is a faithful listener to our radio programs and who is interested in the Bible truths. Since the letter was from Havana where our offices are located, as soon as possible we sent to visit this lady and were received very graciously. We thanked her for her donation and gave her some literature that would be of interest to her. Before leaving we had prayer and she promised to visit our nearest church.

How happy I was last week to see this lady in church as she came up to me with her son and after greeting me cordially, gave me another eight pesos saying, "I owe this and

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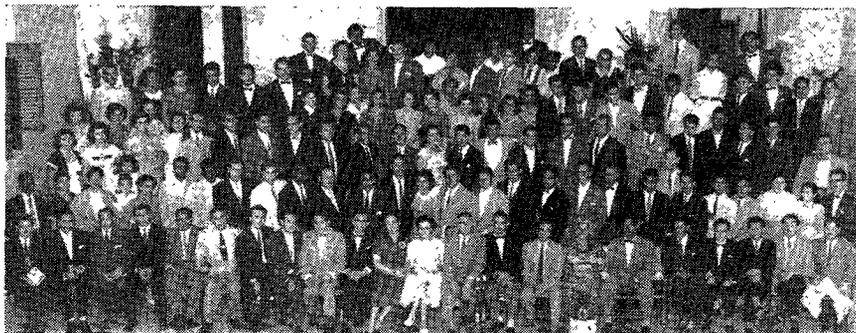
When we remember the very humble beginning of the Adventist work in Colombia through colporteur evangelism forty years ago, and compare it with the glorious missionary movement of today in the Colombia-Venezuela Union, we feel impelled to exclaim, "What hath God wrought?"

It was in 1917 when John Older, a literature evangelist from Panama, first entered Colombia to give the great Advent message through the printed page. Holder worked first in Barranquilla and then he went on to other cities on the Atlantic coast. Later with Elder E. M. Trummer, he made a trip and worked in Cucuta, Bucaramanga, Duitama and last in Bogota in 1922. This was the first time that the beautiful feet of the colporteurs trod the mountains of Colombia.

In 1924 the first colporteur institute was held in Bucaramanga. Only two literature evangelists attended. One of them was Moises Valdes, who after 33 years still remains faithful in the line of battle as a colporteur of the East Venezuela Mission, and the other was a brother by the name of Mancrola, who died there in Bucaramanga 24 days after beginning his work, just after L. V. Cleaves had instructed him and started him out in his task in that city.

Now we can appreciate the wonderful contrast between the very small beginning and the powerful development that the Adventist organization has attained in Colombia Venezuela. Forty years after the first literature evangelist stepped on the shores of Colombia we find an army of 130 carrying the glorious truths of the gospel to all parts of Colombia, Venez-

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Union Colporteur Institute in Bucaramanga, Colombia

much more to the Lord, for He is answering my prayers."

We hope to soon see this woman an active member of our church.

Another interesting letter says:

"I was born blind and am only 17 years old, but with a great effort I have been able to graduate from college with a B.A. degree. I hope this correspondence course will open the gates of success for me, therefore I ask that you will send me the lessons as soon as possible — in Braille I hope.

"I offer my services for transcribing into Braille any material related with this course to be sent to someone who needs it because of being blind."

We wonder how this young man

received the invitation to enroll in the Bible correspondence course. Sure, if some young person or some adult is doing his part in bringing this message to others. Are you and I doing our part?

"Every 7th of the month I dedicate half of my earnings to the Voice of Hope and the Bible correspondence school." These were the words of Ismael Gonzalez Llerena when he gave us a little envelope containing \$8.65 as an offering. At a humble cobbler's bench, where his wife works tirelessly at his side, these coins had been multiplied to make a large offering. If we would all practice such an act of faith, our treasuries would be more than filled. May God richly bless this member of the Vibora church.

—Ruth M. Riffel

# Around THE UNIONS

## Antillian

### Dedication and Organization of Churches in the Dominican Republic

At the beginning of this year we organized a new church in the suburb of Esperanza, here in Ciudad Trujillo, in the district that is under the leadership of Elder Max Grunzeug.



Under the leadership of A. J. Stewart, the teachers in the Dominican Mission held an institute in July. V. E. Berry and V. W. Schoen, from the Inter-American Division and the Antillian Union, gave most of the instruction.

We had about 100 members, mostly from the large church in this capital city. The new church already has its own property and they are planning to construct a building representative of our faith in this section of the capital.

At the beginning of June we had a combination of two services: the organization of the church and the dedication of a church building in Puesto Grande in Elder Eligio Gonzalez' district. The brethren have put forth a valiant effort in the last few months to build this church and they have it nicely finished — clean and attractive with a flower garden. The attendance at this service was so large that there was not room in the church building. The patio or yard had to house those who could not get inside the church. The brethren are very happy and grateful to the Lord for having a place where they can worship Him in a suitable way.

The first Sabbath in July we again had two services at the same time: the dedication of a place of worship and the organization of a church in Guayabo Dulce, in the district that is under the supervision of Brother Colombino Gonzalez. For several weeks the church members in Guayabo Dulce have been working hard to complete their church, painting the walls and fixing up the yard, and we believe that this church will help us to

have good relations in the neighborhood. We also celebrated the Lord's Supper in Guayabo Dulce after the other services. Delegates arrived from several churches and the yard again sheltered the many visitors who were unable to find room inside.

—A. J. Stewart

## British West Indies

### Conference Sessions

The East and West Jamaican Conference Session convened July 19 to July 22 and 24 to 28 respectively.

Elders A. H. Roth and C. O. Franz our Division president and secretary were in attendance, as were also the officers of the British West Indies Union, Elders A. C. Stockhausen and R. S. Blackburn. Both sessions moved forward with peaceful calm and harmony and the Spirit of God was manifested.

On Sabbath afternoon, July 20, in a most impressive and solemn service four young men — Curtis Parchment, Cyril Newman, James Bennett and Herbert Fletcher — were ordained to the gospel ministry. (Le Roy Carter and Fred White were ordained approximately six month ago).

Elders E. H. Schneider and V. T. Boyce were re-elected president and secretary-treasurer respectively of the East Jamaica Conference, and the departmental men all retained their offices. Enthusiasm was high throughout the session as goals were set and determination to foster the various activities and to labor definitely for the salvation of souls expressed.

The ordination service in the West Jamaica Conference convened on Sabbath afternoon, July 27, at which time six young men — Neville Nosworthy, Josephus Allen, Keith Boyd Stanley Grant, Harold Bennett, Zaddock Reid — were dedicated to the ministry. This was also a most solemn service, and the great congregation was moved and inspired to deeper consecration.

Elder H. S. Walters was re-elected to his fourth consecutive term as president of the West Jamaica Conference. Greatly moved by the confidence of his constituency he pledged anew his determination in promoting and advancing the cause of God. A call was placed for Elder Uriah Morgan to serve as secretary-treasurer of West Jamaica.

God marvelously led and overruled in all the meetings, and we are sure that the inspiration of the sessions will reach far out afield and that great exploits by ministry and laity will result.

—Allen Stockhausen

## Caribbean

### British Guiana Mission Session

The British Guiana Mission held its regular session July 17-21 in the Georgetown church, British Guiana. Elder W. E. Read from the General Conferenc, a former president of the

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Caribbean Union, was in attendance at the session and his counsel was greatly appreciated by the workers and members of British Guiana. A wonderful spirit prevailed during these meetings.

#### Evangelistic Tent

Six new evangelistic tents have just arrived at various points throughout the Caribbean Union and are already being put to good use. One of them is pitched about a mile from the Union office in Port-of-Spain, and the youthful evangelist, Robert Osborne, reports an excellent attendance and interest in his populous suburb.

#### Port-of-Spain Hospital

Plans for the new Community Hospital, which is to be erected soon in Port-of-Spain, are progressing well. Already \$200,000 B. W. I. has been subscribed by local merchants, business people and men of means. Pros-

## Colombia - Venezuela

### An MV Crusade

Of great value and sure results are the victories that God can bring to His church through the consecrated young people who seek His guidance.

The youth in Palmira, Valle, Colombia, undertook the task of preparing material and handbills for a series of lectures during five weeks. A beautiful invitation card was prepared exclusively for the students of the radio correspondence school. It made one's heart glad to see the young people of the church in all sections of the city personally handing out these special invitations as well as the handbills for the general public. The priests in the town mentioned this activity on their radio

## Mexican

### God First

Jaime Alvarado was invited to attend the Layman's School in Catemaco, Mexico along with the most outstanding lay workers from all over Mexico

He attends services on Sabbath in Ixtacomitan in the state of Chiapas, but his little ranch was out in the country about two miles. His neighbors had been threatening him with violence if he didn't stop preaching his religion. They were constantly annoying him with their petty thievery, taking his beans, chickens, rice and eggs. As he never became angry with them, they were the more provoked. They had even burned part of his fence a few days before the 13th Sabbath on March 30, 1957.

It was just at this time that he received the invitation to attend the Laymen's School, and very happily made plans for the trip. On the 13th Sabbath, he was spending the whole day at the church in the village as usual. Someone told him that his house was being burned. He was not at all upset, but continued with the meetings he was leading. Some church members went to his ranch and returned saying that his house had been burned to the ground. He himself went to visit his mother, who was ill in another place.

When Jaime Alvarado returned home, he found that he had lost, besides his house 10 pounds of salt, a half tank of gas, a rifle that had cost him \$50, their beds and household belongings — few possessions but very valuable to him. At first he thought he had lost all his clothing too, but his wife, realizing they were in danger, had taken precautions. The clothes he would need on the trip to Laymen's School she had taken and had hidden in a tree by the stream. When he realized this, he was convinced that God wanted him to go to the Laymen's School even though his house had burned down.

The very next day he took his wife and five children to the home of a friend who offered them hospitality, and went happily to Catemaco, trusting in God and putting Him first.

—Jose Morales



The Laymen's School held in Camaguey, Cuba in June where 185 laymen from both East and West Cuba attended.

Front row, left to right: Elders Leon, Schoen, Jacobs, Haylock, Westphal, Esteb, Riffel, Castro, Aeschlimann, Delgado, Kemper and Dr. Puertas.

pects are good that sufficient funds will be in hand to permit construction within a very few months.

#### Tithes and Offerings

Every field comprising the Caribbean Union has shown an increase in tithe and offerings for the first half of the year. Outstanding records have been made by the British Guiana, French West Indies and the Leeward Islands Missions.

—J. O. E.

program and this helped us more than the handbills themselves.

What was the result of this campaign, Only in eternity will we know the complete picture; but from what we could see, there are nine precious souls ready to seal their allegiance to the Lord, a baptismal class of 21 persons, and a congregation that has absolute faith in its young people. The church is flourishing and looking forward to greater triumphs.

—Luis Eduardo Ortiz

# Inter-American Brevities

☆ Dr. and Mrs. Russel T. Smith and daughter Miriam are in Georgetown, British Guiana for a few months while Dr. Smith fills in as relief doctor at the Davis Memorial Clinic.

☆ Dr. and Mrs. Richard E. Welch and their four children have arrived in Montemorelos, Mexico. Dr. Welch is busy as a new staff member at the sanitarium and hospital there. They come to Mexico from Covelo, California.

Elder Westphal to hold a week of prayer at the training school.

☆ The institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism conducted a school in Loma Linda, California recently and another one in Washington, D.C. Temperance Secretary F. B. Moore attended the one in Loma Linda. Elder J. C. Culpepper, B. E. Hurst, and Jorge Escandon, temperance secretaries for the Inter-American Division, the British West

☆ As business manager of the Caribbean Union College, Elder B. R. Hamilton goes to Trinidad. Elder and Mrs. Hamilton have been in charge of the English churches in East Cuba.

☆ At the Puerto Rico Conference Session held in August, Elder V. W. Schoen was elected as president and Prof. Manuel Carbballal as treasurer. Elder Schoen will be greatly missed in the Antillian Union where he served as MV and educational secretary, and friends in Central America will miss Prof. Carbballal, who has been the principal of the Central American Vocational College.



Graduation at the Dominican Academy, the 13th of July, Elder D. J. Thomann, principal of the Academy, speaking.

☆ Elders Lloyd Reile, of the radio department of the Inter-American Division, and Braulio Perez, of the Voice of Prophecy, are making a trip through Mexico in the interest of the radio work. They will meet with 19 churches while there.

☆ Educational institutes were held for the church school teachers in Guatemala, Salvador, Honduras and Panama during the month of September with the help of Elder Vernon Berry of the Inter-American Division. In Aleinela, Costa Rica there was a secondary teachers' institute also.

☆ In September lay preachers' institutes were held by Elder H. J. Westphal from the Inter-American Division and Elder S. L. Gadsby, newly elected home missionary secretary of the Caribbean Union. With Elder D. C. McCalla, home missionary of the Leeward Mission they had institutes in Antigua, St. Lucia and Barbados. In British Guiana they held meetings for the laymen with Elder Adrian Westney, home missionary secretary of the mission, assisting. Elder Westphal also visited French Guiana to promote the work of the laymen there. While he was in the Caribbean Union, the Caribbean Union College invited

Indies Union and the Central American Union respectively, were at the school in Washington D.C. July 22 to August 2. These representatives from the Inter-American Division reported that the studies were most profitable.

☆ Elder Berkel and family have been transferred from the Netherlands Antilles to British Guiana for pastoral work.

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## Advance

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uela and the Netherlands Antilles. But what has impressed us most is the great International Institute held in this Union in Bucaramanga from June 21 to 29. The first institute held in this city in 1924, which we have already mentioned, had two colporteur evangelists, and one publishing secretary, while this one which we have just attended had an attendance of more than 100 colporteurs, besides the publishing department secretary of the Inter-American Division, the manager of the Inter-American Publications, the president of the Union, five departmental secretaries, six mission presidents, seven publishing department secretaries and four mission treasurers. We can exclaim with profound gratitude and emotion: "This is what God has wrought!"

Our International Institute was a real fountain of spirituality and of consecration. The literature evangelists of the two countries came to know each other better and rejoiced in pleasant Christian comradeship. As they left again for their places of labor, we could see on their faces a wide smile of triumph reflecting the flame of colporteur enthusiasm for the battle that burned in their hearts. We firmly believe that the Lord will bless us in a marvelous way in the battles that remain during 1957. Our colporteurs are showing each day a fine spirit and are working valiantly.

—Ismael Rojas

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