

THE DAY GOD HAS BLESSED

By T. E. BOWEN

The Sabbath was created by God. He made it from one day—the seventh—of the first weekly cycle the earth ever knew. It was made when there was but one living man upon earth. Adam and his companion were dwelling in the beautiful Eden home which God had made for them. With what rapture and delight must Adam and Eve, clothed with their garments of light, have viewed the perfect handiwork of their Creator. How precious the association with God; as He talked with them in their Eden home! “And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good.” We are told that at the close of the first seventh day of earth’s history, “God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made.” Gen. 2:3.

When, generations later, God saw that man needed in permanent form the record of how the earth came into existence, He revealed through His servant Moses what He did on those first six working days. Other important events which took place from creation to Moses were also narrated.

During Israel’s captivity in Egypt the keeping holy of God’s Sabbath day was largely lost sight of. As the Israelites were held in cruel bondage, the Sabbath blessings were denied them. That they might understand its great importance, after God had spoken His law at Sinai amid demonstrations of infinite power, He said to Moses:

“Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy

unto you. . . . Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord. . . . Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath. . . . for a perpetual covenant. . . . For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed.” Ex. 31:13-17.

The Sabbath is here set forth as the sign of sacred covenant relationship between God and man. Through our obedience in Sabbathkeeping, God sanctifies us. “The Sabbath given to the world as the sign of God as the Creator, is also the sign of Him as the Sanctifier. . . . True sanctification is *harmony with God, oneness with Him in character.*” —“*Testimonies,*” Vol. 6, p. 350. Hence Sabbath desecration, or willing obedience to another power which sets up a false sabbath, a false worship, immediately throws one out of harmony with God, out of oneness with Him in character.

This perpetual covenant in Sabbathkeeping has come down through the generations unto us—Seventh-day Adventists. In love God gave man the Sabbath. It was not to impose a burden, but, instead, to bestow upon the households of His people a great and abundant blessing. It was to become to His children week by week a season of “delight.” Isaiah expresses it in this way: “And call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable.” And how may this be done? The prophet goes on to say that the Sabbath will be made to us a delightful day, *if* we follow the counsel of the Lord. The promise is: “If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord,

honorable; and shalt honor Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord.” Isa. 58:13. This delight will not be shared, however, by the one who during the day has been seeking his own pleasure, or speaking his own words, or doing his own ways. Commenting on this text, which forbids speaking our “own words” on the Sabbath, the Lord’s messenger says:

“Those who discuss business matters or lay plans on the Sabbath, are regarded by God as though engaged in the actual transaction of business.” —“*Patriarchs and Prophets,*” p. 307.

Heavenly watchers are with us throughout each Sabbath, observing how the day is honored by those who profess to keep it. This word is sent to us:

“All heaven was represented to me as beholding and watching upon the Sabbath those who acknowledge the claims of the fourth commandment and are observing the Sabbath. Angels were marking their interest in, and high regard for, this divine institution. Those who sanctified the Lord God in their hearts by a strictly devotional frame of mind, and who sought to improve the sacred hours in keeping the Sabbath to the best of their ability, and to honor God by calling the Sabbath a delight, —these the angels were specially blessing with light and health, and special strength was given them.” —“*Testimonies,*” Vol. 2, pp. 704, 705

Recently we received a letter telling of an experience a sister had in returning home from a visit in another State. On her way she stopped over with a friend, who learned that she planned

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THE UNEMPLOYED

By G. A. ROBERTS

Probably the greatest single problem of all the nations of earth today is that of the unemployed. Were it not for the great army of the unemployed in their midst, many of earth's nations would boldly, courageously, and successfully pursue whatever course might seem good with respect to their other national problems. But always there is the hampering influence of the unemployed to consider, and nations cannot move forward as they could or should. They must refrain, wait, and look with despair into the future, for they know how to place business operations on a secure basis so as to solve the problems of their unemployed and bring prosperity to their people. This is well stated in the Spirit of prophecy. "Those who hold the reins of government are not able to solve the problem of moral corruption, poverty, pauperism, and increasing crime. They are struggling in vain to place business operations on a more secure basis." — *"Testimonies," Vol. 9, p. 13.*

Some nations recognize the unemployment of their citizens as their major problem and though threatened almost daily with wars which would utterly annihilate them, they know that they must first solve the problem of unemployment within their own borders or they can never survive.

There is an unemployment problem also among the people of God, a problem that is just as vital to God's work and government in the earth as the unemployment problem among the nations is to their governments. No matter what other problems hinder or perplex us, this does much to keep the cause of God from going forward, and it will continue to hinder until it is solved. In fact, the work of God can never be finished in the earth until those who now unemployed are engaged in some line of earnest endeavor and are found in places of service and actually put to work. This is well stated in the following messages which the Lord has sent to His people.

"The work of God in the earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers." — *"Gospel Workers," p. 352.*

The nations of earth, through their states, counties, cities, towns and villages, take census these days to find the exact proportion and number of the unemployed. And then they provide a dole of some sort so their unemployed people will not die of starvation. Are the children of this world "wiser than the children of light" (Luke 16:8) in this matter of unemployment? It would seem that they are, for they at least know the number of their own unemployed.

Inasmuch as our problem is more vital than theirs, because our unemployed will die *spiritually* and *eternally* unless they occupy themselves in doing the work of God; and inasmuch as the work of God itself cannot be finished until they are so engaged; and inasmuch as we cannot keep them alive with any sort of spiritual dole as a substitute for missionary work, but must solve our unemployment problem in only the one way of actually putting all inactive members to work, shall we not immediately take a census in our division, by carefully checking our members in each union, local conference or mission field, and in each church and company of believers find all who are not employed in any branch of missionary work? Then shall we not make these our chief concern and hasten them into some line of missionary endeavor in their own neighborhood before they spiritually starve to death? Christian works are spiritually very vital, especially to all those who do not perform them. Notice the following statements from the Spirit of prophecy on this point:

"Your spiritual strength and growth in grace will be proportionate to the labor of love and good works which you do cheerfully for your Saviour, who has withheld nothing, not even His own life, that he might save you." — *"Testimonies," Vol. 4, p. 228.*

"Some may say it is exalting our own merits to expect favor from God through our good works. True, we cannot buy one victory with our good works; yet we cannot be victors without them." — *Id., p. 89.*

"He who is most devoted to God's service is most highly esteemed by the heavenly universe." — *"Gospel Workers," p. 495.*

"Faithful work is more acceptable to

God than the most zealous and thought-to-be holiest worship. It is working together with Christ that is true worship." — *"Testimonies," Vol. 2, p. 24.*

"The only way to grow in grace is to be disinterestedly doing the very work which Christ has enjoined upon us,—to engage, to the extent of our ability, in helping and blessing those who need the help we can give them." — *"Steps to Christ," p. 85.*

"Strength to resist evil is best gained by aggressive service." — *"Acts of the Apostles," p. 105.*

"There are many who would work if urged into service, and who would save their souls by thus working." — *"Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 390.*

"None will be pronounced guiltless before God, unless they have worked earnestly and unselfishly for the salvation of souls." — *Id., p. 395.*

"He will bequeath the most in the future life to those who do the most faithful, willing service in the present life." — *"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 332.*

"Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God." — *Id., p. 329.*

"In the great judgment day those who have not worked for Christ, those who have drifted along, carrying no responsibility, thinking of themselves, pleasing themselves, will be placed by the Judge of all the earth with those who did evil. They receive the same condemnation." — *Id., p. 368.*

Many more statements from the Spirit of prophecy and also statements from the Bible could be adduced to show that the spiritually unemployed among us must have employment in strictly spiritual lines or will spiritually die.

How shall we solve this problem? We earnestly recommend that each superintendent of a district, pastor of a church, and church elder, together with the church officers in each church, carefully search the church or company list of names, ascertaining from the church officers, parents of young people, and from the members themselves, the definite number of members who are not employed actually in doing some specific line of missionary work. Let the most careful search be made and a list prepared so that not one unemployed, spiritually starving soul may be missed. Then let each who is found unem-

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CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION MISSION

A SPIRITUAL FEAST

The largest general meeting ever held in Costa Rica for our English-speaking believers, was probably the one held March 10-14. The manager of the United Fruit Company very kindly put a special car on the train, which carried some 75 of our people who live along the line, free of charge, to the meeting, and also returned them to their homes at the close of the meeting.

We were favored with the help of Elder W. H. Bergherm, of the General Conference; and Elder R. R. Breitigam, of the Inter-American Division. There were also present the union and local workers.

The meeting, while deeply spiritual, was also very practical in the laying of plans for a broader layman's movement as well as in practical studies on the work of the church. Each evening the large church building was packed by eager listeners, both of our own people and of friends.

The church at Limón, under the leadership of their elder, Brother J. E. Rogers, and his associate elders, did everything possible to make pleasant the stay of those who came from other churches. All returned to their homes with the "Win One" song on their lips and in their hearts, and the reports coming in since the meeting lead us to believe that 1939 will be the largest soul-winning year in the history of Costa Rica. The year 1938 closed its records with 84 baptized in this little mission. We have but two workers, Brother Samuel Farrell, a young man graduated from the West Indian Training College about two years ago, and Brother Joaquín Vela, who has preached for many years, but only some years ago accepted the truth. Brother Farrell works for the English and the Lord has greatly blessed his efforts. During the last two years, three new English churches have been organized and church buildings built and dedicated.

The work in the Spanish goes slowly in Costa Rica as yet, but we have organized one new Spanish church and three new Sabbath schools. Brother Vela is doing good work and is full of his first love for the new found light.

C. P. CRAGER

Anger, like fire, given no vent, soon smothers.

BAY ISLANDS CAMP MEETINGS

It has been many years since the members in the Bay Islands and the north coast of Honduras have had a real, old-fashioned camp meeting. The meeting was held in a spacious hall rather than in a tent, in the city of La Ceiba, Honduras, beginning Friday night, May 7. It brought great rejoicing to the hearts of the believers, some of whom have been 40 years in the Message, to partake in this spiritual feast.

A boat was chartered to bring in the members from the Bay Islands and over 100 persons came on a small launch. Besides the local workers; Elder A. H. Roth and the writer from the union, Elder R. R. Breitigam, of the division, gave appreciated help.

When the first work was done in Central America, Elder Hutchins and his faithful wife, with their missionary boat, pioneered the work in the Bay Islands. They brought out a fine group of believers, who, with their children and grandchildren, have stood loyally by the work during these many years. The churches of English believers on the north coast of Honduras also have many old-time Adventists.

One outstanding characteristic of the meeting in La Ceiba was the attendance of a large number of young people, for whom Elder Roth had a daily meeting, the best attended during the entire day, with the exception of the night meeting for the public.

In his report, Elder C. E. Westphal brought great courage to our hearts as he showed us on the map many little dots where the light is breaking through among the Spanish people, where little groups have been formed into Sabbath schools, and where they are calling for some one to teach them the Message. So persistent was the appeal from an interior group, that Mrs. Gregory, a veteran missionary, decided that she would go, because there was no one else to send. On horseback she went, and held a series of night meetings. A young worker has since been sent there, and good results are following.

The meeting in La Ceiba was deeply spiritual, and the last Sunday morning witnessed a beautiful scene in which 21 persons were baptized.

The Honduras Mission has a bright future ahead. Something must be done

to develop our educational work in that field, by providing church schools for the many children, as well as some means of education for our more mature young people, who need training.

C. P. CRAGER

THE WORK AT RINCÓN LARGO

A short time ago, it was my privilege to visit, with Brethren Waldino Concepción and Cipriano Lezcano, a group of people at Rincón Largo, in the province of Chiriquí, Panamá, who are interested in the message.

We held several meetings, which were well attended. More than 100 persons came to our last meeting and showed a great interest in the gospel, several expressing their desire to enroll in the baptismal class when it should be organized.

These meetings are conducted frequently by lay members who feel their responsibility of obeying the order given by the Lord, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Our faithful brethren have experienced the promise made by our Lord, "I am with you even unto the end." As a result, a group of people have taken their stand for the Lord.

Our new members at Rincón Largo ask for your prayers, and they also ask for the visits of those who may encourage them and increase their knowledge of the truth.

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ployed be encouraged into the work so that his soul may be spiritually fed and his life saved for God and the kingdom.

"The best help that ministers can give the members of our churches is not sermonizing, but planning work for them. Give each one something to do for others. Help all to see that as receivers of the grace of Christ they are under obligation to work for Him. And let all be taught how to work. Especially should those who are newly come to the faith be educated to become laborers together with God." — *"Christian Service,"* p. 69.

With our unemployment problem solved in this way, the Inter-American Division can then go on to final success in doing its part toward the finishing of God's work in this field.

ANTILLAN UNION MISSION

OUR LAY WORKERS' SEMINARY IN THE SANTO DOMINGO MISSION

It was my privilege to spend a few weeks at Ciudad Trujillo and teach in our lay workers' training course. We felt a great need for a place where our young men may go in search of the education which will make them able to fill a larger place in the Lord's work. So Elder F. W. Miller, the mission director began the lay workers' seminary, where our young lay preachers may take a course of studies. This school was held during March and April, in Ciudad Trujillo. As supposed, the curriculum could not be very extensive; and yet we had classes in Bible Doctrines, Denominational History, Geography, Grammar, Arithmetic, and Music.

Elder Miller took charge, and every night during the seminary we held sessions in which he presented striking points of our message. We always had a good attendance. It was not only a good training for our students, but also a revival for the Ciudad Trujillo church. Many persons turned in their names, indicating that they desired to study much more of God's word. The increase in literature sales also showed the interest taken in this effort.

On the evening of April 24 we held a farewell program for the young men who had come from other sections of the country. The students had the opportunity of relating their experiences and giving their testimonies. A young man told us that he had walked 50 miles on foot in order to reach the seminary.

We are sure that this seminary will mark the beginning of a training center for our workers. When we saw the joy with which these young men sang the seminary song especially prepared for this occasion, we prayed to God that He would generously bless their efforts in His work and that His blessing may result in the development of a well-prepared lay force.

EUGENIO VALENCIA

When you have done your best, be contented—remember it is not the cage that causes the bird to sing.

It is usually on the detours that we pick up tacks.

OUR MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WORK IN CUBA

The work for our young people is now several years old in Cuba. We remember with deep affection all those workers who have given their time to this department.

Our young people have been doing their best to reach the ideal of our department—the carrying of the Advent message to all the world in this generation. Quarterly statistics show the progress that has been made. Here are some figures pertaining to the work done in 1938:

Bible Studies	21,843
Missionary Visits	27,610
Persons brought to services ..	9,412
Tracts, etc.	64,075

These young men have received a new inspiration with the organization of Progressive Classes. Several investiture services were held last year in the churches of Vibora, Havana, Santa Clara, and Santiago de Cuba. In the first part of this year, other services of this kind were held at the Colegio Adventista de Cuba, in Bartle, Oriente Province. Ten young men passed the examinations for Friends, and nine for Companions. Prof. J. S. Marshall led these classes.

We also had Investiture services at Camaguey and in the Vibora church, Havana. In all, 76 young people were invested as "Friends," nine as "Companions," and three as "Master Comrades." Many young men are getting ready in our classes, Friend and Companion pins. There are several others in the Comrade class. We hope to have another investiture service in a short time.

J. A. ZARAGOZA

THE INFLUENCE OF A CONSECRATED LIFE

On a recent visit to Santo Domingo I met with a man of the world who volunteered a striking testimony to the influence of the consecrated life of a native preacher in his community. This man is the head of a large sugar mill. His cane fields had been worked for years by Haitian immigrants from the adjoining republic.

Among these Haitians we had established an organized church, and the leader of this church was a Haitian. For years he ministered to the spiritual

needs of this little church and wielded a wide influence among the laborers of these vast cane fields. The time came, about a year ago, when the Haitians returned to their own land. Among them went our native preacher. Before his departure, the manager of the sugar mill made him a gift of a very beautiful horse as a token of his high regard for our brother.

A few months later, while traveling in Haiti, I met this native worker in a large refugee settlement which had been established by the Haitian government. This settlement was presided over by a man who was doing much to alleviate the suffering of his fellow refugees. Our native preacher was regarded as the second man in this large settlement and was held in very high esteem by all. One had only to be with him around the encampment for a few hours to be deeply impressed with the strong influence he wielded. The horse given him by the manager was his constant companion while he labored for his people.

On the occasion of my visit with the manager of the sugar mill, he spent considerable time in telling me of the strength of character and the wonderful influence of our native preacher in his community. He is a white man and the preacher is a black man, and he said, "I take off my hat to him every time." He went on to say that if problem should arise, at any corner of the plantation, among the Haitian workmen, our preacher would appear on the spot and begin to share the physical labors of these men and in the course of just a day or two all the trouble would be settled. Somehow the influence of this man was all that was needed to solve the difficult problems which were constantly occurring. Because of this influence, any of our Seventh-day Adventist brethren can secure work on this plantation. I expressed to the gentleman my personal appreciation of his kindness in the gift of this fine steed to our brother worker. His reply was, "Tell him for me when you see him again, that whenever he has need for another horse, to let me know, and there is one here for him."

I left this interview deeply impressed with the wide influence for good that can be exerted by a humble instrument in God's hands, if he is faithful to the saving principles of the Third Angel's Message.

H. M. BLUNDEN, *Superintendent,*
Antillian Union Mission.

CARIBBEAN UNION CONFERENCE

CARIBBEAN UNION CONFERENCE A VISIT TO BRITISH GUIANA

Since I connected with the work of the Caribbean Union Conference two years ago, it has been my happy privilege to make several trips to British Guiana, South America. It is always a great pleasure to meet our dear brother, Pastor Phillip Giddings, who was the first baptized believer in Guiana, and one of the first (if not, the first) on the entire South American continent. He is now on the retired list, but both he and sister Giddings are quite well.

We have a growing work in British Guiana, and a small beginning in Dutch Guiana. As yet no work has been done in French Guiana. We are, however, planning to make a beginning in that country by sending our veteran sustentation worker, Elder R. T. E. Colthurst, to open the work in that field.

On the occasion of our recent visit, the Guiana Conference committee met at the conference office at Georgetown, B. G. Both Brother H. E. Beddoe and myself were privileged to spend several days with the brethren, in study, counsel, and planning for the work in that field; where we now have 30 church organizations, one of which is in Dutch Guiana. The present membership of the conference is about 1,500.

It is in British Guiana that Elder Carscallen and family, with Brother R. E. Brooks and wife assisting, are carrying on the work for the Mt. Roraima Indians. They are conducting two schools with an attendance of about 100 pupils in each. This we believe is laying a good foundation for the future growth and development among those aborigines. During the committee meeting, special study was given to a program of evangelistic advance. It was definitely suggested and urged that each church be given some ministerial help in a way of special evangelistic meetings.

Plans were also laid to assist in the completion and erection of several new church buildings in the conference. In this field, as in many others, the church building program has not kept pace with the growing work. This throws a special burden of responsibility upon us at the present time to do all possible in providing church buildings for a growing work.

FIRST EAST INDIAN CHURCH ORGANIZED

It was the writer's happy privilege, in company with Pastor Gordon Oss, former president of the South Caribbean Conference, to organize into a church a group of East Indian believers at Carolina, Trinidad, on Sabbath, April 8, 1939.

This is the first church of East Indian believers to be organized in the West Indies, and perhaps the first in the western hemisphere, as far as the writer knows. This group of 15 is made up, excepting one or two West Indians, of East Indians. There are upwards of 150,000 East Indians in Trinidad, and many more thousands in Guiana and other parts of the Caribbean Union territory.

It seems to be in the providence of God that these people of far off India, on the other side of the earth, should have moved to the western world, thus breaking away somewhat from old home ties, ancient customs, and religious beliefs, to contact new influences in the West. Then God in His providence opened the way for their acceptance of the message.

The group just organized into a church at Carolina is made up of people most of whom were Hindus. About 10 years ago the message first came to the one elected and ordained as elder. He had already accepted Christianity and was a leader in the Protestant church of the community. It was through our literature that the work began. He bought a copy of "Bible Readings" from a colporteur and became so interested in its contents that he soon began using it freely as a "textbook" in the church with which he was affiliated.

After he began to observe the Sabbath, a few others soon joined him in the newly found faith. During the first year their services were held in the open, under a mango tree, about a mile from the village and the church which they had left behind.

Recently, the group of believers having grown, they erected a neat little tabernacle as a place of meeting.

A. R. OGDEN



The Bible is the mirror of the soul. Only by looking into that mirror can we see ourselves as we are.

1939 CHURCH BUILDING DEDICATIONS

During the first four months of 1939, we have dedicated four church buildings in the Caribbean Union Conference, with several others ready for dedication soon. Three of these were in the Leeward Islands Conference, two of which were on Antigua and one on Montserrat. The two on Antigua were dedicated in the month of February. The dedication at Plymouth, Montserrat, took place March 5. This was a newly-erected building, just finished in time for the dedicatory service. It is a reinforced, concrete building to take the place of the building destroyed by earthquake several years ago. In these earthquake and hurricane sections, it is necessary to erect solid, substantial structures which may withstand the destructive elements of nature.

By actual count, there were nearly 500 people inside the building during the dedicatory service, with many others standing on the outside. The last building to be dedicated was at San Juan, Trinidad, on Sunday, April 16. While construction of this building was begun several years ago, it had never been completed. Recently, under the direction of the former president of the South Caribbean Conference, Pastor Gordon Oss, the building was nearly finished inside and out, and was dedicated on the last Sunday before Pastor Oss' return to the United States, a fitting climax to his five years of work in the conference.

During the years, the church building program in this field has not kept pace with the largely increased church membership. During 1938, thirteen buildings were dedicated in the Caribbean Union Conference. With the good beginning already made in 1939, we confidently expect to erect and complete not less than one building, on an average, each month for the year. We really expect it to be more than this number. This problem of suitable church buildings to keep pace with our growing work, is of fundamental importance in giving character and permanency to our advancing cause in all lands and countries of earth.

"When an interest is aroused in any town or city, that interest should be followed up. The place should be thoroughly worked, until a humble house of worship stands as a sign, a memorial of God's Sabbath, a light amid the moral darkness."—*Test.*, Vol. 6, p. 100.



ANOTHER TREASURE

Everybody who has read those wonderful little books "Steps to Christ" and "Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing," knows that these works are real treasures. But many do not know that "The Sanctified Life," by the same author, is equally precious. Not a substitute, but an excellent companion it makes to those fine little volumes. It is filled with excellent instruction for those who expect to meet God in peace and righteousness, and fills a great need at this time. Altogether, it has 11 chapters or 70 pages of inspirational and practical reading. Attractive bindings: paper or cloth.



PHILOSOPHY SUBLIME

For the lover of health, home and wisdom, the book "Ministry of Healing" contains a wealth of treasure. Contrary to its title, it is not strictly a medical work. Part of it is dedicated to medical missionary work, with a marvellous store of counsel for layman and doctor. But the sections devoted to the home, education and the individual life, contain some of the most precious instruction from the Spirit of prophecy. There may be found the sublimest of philosophy and learning. The book contains 43 chapters, an index of references to texts, a scriptural index, and a general subject index — altogether — 541 pages. But that is not all. It is beautifully illustrated with 110 cuts. It is prepared in four bindings: Subscription: cloth or keratol (with marbled edges.) Trade: cloth or limp keratol.

THESE OBEYED

"Punctuality in tithe paying should become a fixed habit" says one. And we now quote from another who also believes this is the best way: "I believe the reason I do so well is because I am faithful in paying an honest tithe on all I earn. As soon as I get home, the first thing I do is to put away one-tenth, and not until then do I feel free to spend for my own wants. God sees that I have work while others seem unable to get employment. My money seems to go farther and lasts longer and buys more than it did when I was using ten-tenths. I have kept two of my children in church school, and have nearly paid for a lot and a little three-room cottage. At the same time I pay \$10.00 a month for the keep of the baby, who is too young for school. I give to God the glory."

From another letter we find that tithe paying is a panacea for troubles. We quote: "We are never in need for our daily food and clothing. The Lord helps us with health and work, and gives us something to help those who are in need. The more we give to help others the more He helps us. Although we are over fifty, we still feel and look quite young, and we know if we remain faithful, we have the hope to see Jesus come in the clouds of heaven and take us home."

Surely "the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew Himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him." Note the following: "I have paid tithe since I learned to know the truth. A year ago I learned about second tithe, and since then I have been laying aside two-tenths, and I even give from my eight-tenths whenever possible. My aged parents have paid tithe for over forty years, and in their old age their offerings are more than their tithes."

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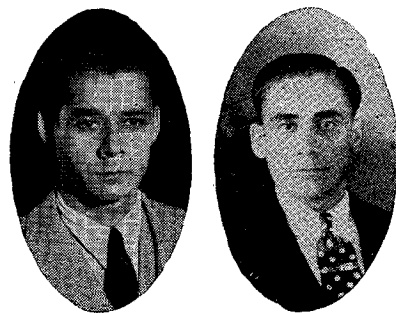
WHAT TIME IS IT?

"In the *time* of distress and perplexity of nations, there will be many who have not given themselves wholly to the corrupting influences of the world, and the service of Satan, who will humble themselves before God, and turn to Him with their whole heart and find acceptance and pardon."—"Testimonies," Vol. I, p. 269.

AN ANDREW IS AGAIN AT WORK

In the last number of the *Messenger*, pictures of the two Matus brothers were published, accompanied by the story of how one won the other to the colporteur work. In this issue the story of two brothers is repeated. This time it is the Palma brothers, also of Mexico.

Manuel Palma, for a number of years has been one of our most successful colporteurs in Mexico. A short



Manuel and José Palma

time ago he won the premium offered to the one delivering the most books. Just recently he was called to assist temporarily in the work of the Book and Bible House of the Tehuantepec Mission.

Manuel won his brother José to the colporteur work, who is now enjoying a good experience in his new work. In sending the accompanying picture, José writes:

"I am working in the city of Puebla, and in the seven weeks I have been engaged in the work here I have taken each week more than 200.00 pesos worth of orders."

Are there not more Andrews in the Inter-American Division? Certainly the experience of this disciple of Christ is a good one to imitate.

W. A. BERGHERM

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"Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." 2 Cor. 4:17, 18.

TEN-MINUTE MISSIONARY SERVICES

July 1, 1939

Sowing Gospel Seeds with Tracts

Tract distribution is one of the most important of the many phases of literature ministry. The servant of the Lord says, "Remind our people *often* of the work that they may be done by the distribution of tracts," and in our missionary service for today we are in line with this instruction. Never has there been better literature provided in tract form than now, especially the "Our Day" series in English, and "La Verdad" series in Spanish.

One of our ministers is really following the idea of "A Tract a Week." He has systematized the plan so that every member of the church receives one tract each Sabbath, with the understanding that the tract is to be handed to some one before the next Sabbath. As the tracts are distributed to the church members, each is requested to pray for divine guidance in finding the one to whom the tract should be given; and when the opportunity is presented, the tract is passed out with a friendly word of greeting and the request that it be given thoughtful reading. This tract service is not an experiment or a mere theory, but it is in actual continuous de-

monstration, and has resulted in bringing a large number of people into the church, whose interest, first awakened in this way, was followed up by Bible studies and pastoral effort.

Surely the handing out of one tract a week is not an impossible task for any church member; and if this plan were adopted by the church members everywhere, millions of tracts would be distributed each month. It is such a tract plan as this that comes nearer fulfilling the instruction to scatter the printed page "like the leaves of autumn." Yes, it is well to "remind our people *often* of the work that may be done by the distribution of tracts."

July 8, 1939

Personal Testimonies and Experiences

Key Thought: *Reflection of Character and Holy Service.* "It is the faithfulness, the loyalty to God, the loving service, that wins the divine approval. Every impulse of the Holy Spirit leading men to goodness and to God, is noted in the books of heaven, and in the day of God the workers through whom He has wrought will be commended. They will enter into the joy of the Lord as they see in His kingdom those who have been redeemed through their instrumentality. And they are privileged to participate in His work there, because they have gained a fitness for it by participation in His work here. What we shall be in heaven is the reflection of what we are now in character and holy service." —"*Gospel Workers*," p. 482.

Let opportunity be given for the members to tell of their experiences had while in tract distribution. This can be a service that may be very interesting to the assembled congregation.

July 15, 1939

Results of Tract Distribution

Some years ago an organization was established for the purpose of distributing tracts by mail in the higher circles. One of the tracts, en-

titled "Prepare to meet thy God," was enclosed in an envelope and mailed to a man well known for his ungodly life and reckless impiety. On opening his daily mail he found the tract accompanied by a brief letter.

"What's this?" said he. "Who has had the impudence to send me this printed sheet!" And, with an imprecation on his unknown correspondent, he arose to put the tract in the fire.

"No. I won't do that," he said to himself. "I'll send this on to my friend Jones. It will be a good joke to hear what he says about it." So he enclosed the tract in a fresh envelope and in a feigned hand directed it to his boon companion.

Jones was a man of his own stamp, and received the tract, as his friend had done, with an oath what he regarded as a religious humbug. His first impulse was to tear the tract in pieces, but the words, "Prepare to meet thy God" smote his conscience, and almost before he realized what he was doing, he had read the solemn appeal. The Holy Spirit sent the arrow of conviction to his heart, which led to his conversion. With the change of heart came a great yearning for the salvation of his ungodly associates. Having received the blessed light of truth, he desired to communicate it to others. He again folded the tract and enclosed it in an envelope addressed to one of his companions in sin. Wonderful to say, the little arrow hit the mark. His friend read the tract, and was converted. Both men are now walking in the road of the kingdom of God and by their godly example and conduct are daily witnessing to the power of the gospel—all through the silent message of a little tract which was sent on its way at the hands of both friend and foe. We may never know the result of the literature we send out, but we have the assurance that God's Word shall not return void of results. "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9.

SING PRAISES UNTO GOD

Soon we shall be singing the songs of the heavenly Canaan, for "In A Little While We're Going Home." The songs of the Advent Message should be in your heart as well as on your lips as we journey along. You will find beautiful music and poetic words in all the following books:

- "BIBLE OBJECT LESSONS AND SONGS FOR LITTLE FOLKS"
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- "COLPORTEUR SONG SHEAF"
- "FINGER PLAYS AND SONGS"
- "GOSPEL IN SONG"
- "HYMNS AND TUNES"
- "JOYFUL SONGS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS"
- "MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SONGS"
- "SONGS OF ZION"
- "WHAT, NEVER PART AGAIN?" (Specially arranged sheet music)

Let us all learn more of the songs of Zion during 1939. Order at once from your Book and Bible House.

THE DAY GOD HAS BLESSED . . .*(Continued from page 1)*

church—where she once held membership—farther on, before reaching her home. A letter to a friend at this place mentioned the anticipated visit over the Sabbath, and expressed the hope that the day would prove a helpful one to this sister of some social prominence, who had but recently accepted the truth. On reaching the church, the sister was invited to a prominent member's home for Sabbath dinner. Writing back to her friend of the experience, she said:

"I was so disappointed, for I thought the Sabbath was for the study of God's word and the Spirit of prophecy writings, together with profitable and spiritual conversation, not for the discussion of stocks and bonds, and other business matters."

Later, she was invited to another to spend a Sabbath or two at a certain home after Sabbath services. Here she found "Sabbath-keeping in harmony with her convictions of conscience touching the true observance of the day."

How is it, brother, sister, in your home on the Sabbath day? Should a stranger drop in, would he find an atmosphere pervading there wherein the common, everyday affairs of life were made the topics of conversation? or would he recognize at once that the interesting themes pertaining to the kingdom of heaven, so soon to be ushered in, were occupying the hearts and minds of the home group—the Sabbath being made to all, including the children, "a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable"?

"The moral law enjoined the observance of the Sabbath, which was not a burden, except when that law was transgressed and they were bound by the penalties involved in breaking it."—*Id.*, Vol. 3, p. 392.

Jesus set us an example in true Sabbathkeeping. He proclaimed Himself the Lord of the Sabbath day. Well could He do so. With His Father, at creation, He made it. He relieved special cases of suffering upon Sabbath days. He taught in the synagogues, and walked through the fields, delighting Himself in God's loving handiwork. He has encouraged us to do good deeds, minister to the sick, and visit the fields and groves with our children, pointing their minds up to the Creator by studying His wonderful handiwork all about us. This can be done without taking

long excursions by auto into the countryside, or visiting zoological parks frequented by large throngs, since the latter afford but little, if any, Sabbath-day environment.

"As the sun goes down, let the voice of prayer and the hymn of praise mark the close of the sacred hours and invite God's presence through the cares of the week of labor. Thus parents can make the Sabbath, as it should be, the most joyful day of the week. They can lead their children to regard it as a delight, the day of days, the holy of the Lord, honorable."—*Id.*, Vol. VI, p. 359.

MEDITATION CORNER**Can I Keep the Sabbath and Keep the Tithe?**

"God gives man nine-tenths, while He claims one-tenth for sacred purposes, as he has given man six days for his own work, and has reserved and set apart the seventh day to Himself. For, like the Sabbath, a tenth of the increase is sacred; God has reserved it for Himself. He will carry forward his work upon the earth with the increase of the means that He has intrusted to man."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. 3, page 395.

A PERPETUAL SOUL WINNER

El Centinela is a magazine that wins souls. In the field where I work, I always like to carry copies with me. It is one good means of finding converts. Upon visiting homes, the first thing I do is to offer this magazine. If they cannot subscribe, I endeavor to sell them a single copy, always with the object in view of introducing the message to them.

We have a Sabbath school organized as a result of *El Centinela*, because I visited one of the members of another denomination and invited him to subscribe to the magazine.

In another place, a man to whom I presented the magazine became very angry and nothing about the magazine interested him, but when I pointed out the health suggestions, he became much interested. The result is that now he is the superintendent of a small Sabbath school of eight persons, and 16 souls

were won in that place in the space of two months. FLORENTINO ZAINOS,
Gulf Mission, Mexico.

OBITUARY

Doctor Charles Jerome Bright Cave was born in Barbados, 1879, of lowly but respectable Christian parentage. He died at his home at Bridgetown, Friday, May 19, 1939. From his earliest childhood days, his mother's influence led his feet in paths of rectitude and righteousness. As a boy, he displayed that exceedingly rare quality of being unruffled by passion. This trait of character followed him through life. He was kind and sympathetic to all. As a boy he found great joy and satisfaction in spiritual things. He loved the Bible.

In early manhood he came in contact with the message and work of Seventh-day Adventists by reading that excellent book "Patriarchs and Prophets," purchased from a colporteur by his father and presented to the son. He soon fully accepted the Sabbath and kindred truths. An interesting experience in the decision to accept the new found truth is related as follows:

Being convinced of the Sabbath truth, but yet undecided as to how he should relate himself to it, he took his little sixpence (twelve cents) Bible into his mother's bedroom, got down on his knees with the Bible closed, and asked the Lord to show him the text that should be the deciding one. Opening the Bible with closed eyes, he placed his finger on a text. Opening his eyes, he found his finger resting on Isaiah 56:2. "Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil." From then on through life he never had a doubt, and forthwith walked forward in the light.

Forthwith the question as what should be his life's work was staring him. He soon decided to leave his native land, Barbados; and went to the Battle Creek College, Battle Creek, Michigan, U. S. A., in 1901. By hard and earnest labor at whatever his hands could find to do, he pursued his studies, graduating with the M. D. degree. He returned to Barbados in 1907, opening a small sanitarium which he operated for many years. Later he went to Edinburgh, Scotland, for further study, where he obtained his L. R. C. S. and L. R. C. P. degrees. He returned to Barbados in 1924, opening and carrying on, with his wife, a nurses' home until death. This institution has become widely and favorably known throughout the island. It is Sister Cave's purpose to continue the good work.

The study and practice of medicine was not, however, the doctor's only aim and ambition of life. He was an earnest Christian and a devoted worker in the cause. To him is largely due the strength of our denominational work in Barbados, where we have more than a thousand members. He served as local elder of the local church at King Street, Bridgetown, for many years and labored earnestly in the several other churches on the island as time and opportunity permitted.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Pastor O. P. Reid, on Sabbath, May 20, from the Government Hill S. D. A. church, with upwards of one thousand people present. The funeral was one of the largest ever witnessed in the island. More than 300 automobiles were in the funeral procession, besides many others which had proceeded directly to the cemetery. The streets from the church to the cemetery, a distance of more than two miles, were lined with masses of humanity, which was a definite demonstration of the high esteem in which the doctor was held in the hearts and lives of the people. Literally thousands were in attendance at the service, in the procession, and the burial.

A. R. OGDEN