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The Great Second Advent Movement an Unfinished Work

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IN 1845 we find a small group of Sabbath-keeping Adventists uniting their efforts to carry out what to them was a divine commission. Their resources consisted chiefly of a deep and abiding faith in the fulfillment of the prophecies of God's word. This fulfillment called for the rise of a movement having for its purpose the preaching of the message of the coming of Christ and the observance of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. This message was based on the great prophecy of Revelation 14:6-12.

By 1863 this movement had so increased in strength and in determination of purpose, as well as in numbers, that the representatives of the organized churches and the local conferences were led to organize a general church body known as the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Out of that small and humble beginning has grown the advent movement that today encircles the earth. What we see today is not cause for boasting or pride of achievement, but is something that should lead us to deep thankfulness to God.

Has the time now come when we can relax our efforts and take our ease? Indeed, as we lift up our eyes and look out on the world field, despite all that has been accomplished, it appears as if we stand today at the very beginning of our world task. What has thus far been accomplished is like a thin skirmish line thrown out against the ranks of the enemy. In all the fields of earth there is great demand for the consolidation and extension of our efforts. We must move forward and occupy new positions, and work new territories.

When work is opened in a new field, believers begin to spring up and to multiply. The interest spreads, and soon there are insistent calls for more

help. In practically every field on earth this is the situation at the present time. Instead of facing a finished work today, we but stand on the threshold of greater needs and opportunities than we have ever faced before in the history of this cause. The call now is not to retreat or to relax our efforts or to lay down the weapons of our warfare. As the battle lines become more extended and the warfare waxes more difficult, the call sounds to advance. Our orders are to move steadily forward, ever forward.

As we survey the past, let us but pause to render grateful praise to our great Leader for His help, and then turn with renewed vigor to press the battle to a final victory. Let us look to North, Central, and Southern Africa, with their scores of millions of people who have yet to hear the sound of this message, then to India, to the Orient, to Western Asia, and to Europe,—to all the fields of earth as places calling for greater and still greater effort.

The greatest history of this movement is not of the past, but it must be written of the future. With a new and deeper consecration, with a fuller surrender, with our believers trained and organized, let us hear the call to finish the work, and advance in unbroken ranks. In every home base, as well as in mission lands, there are great religions where unparalleled opportunities for preaching the message await us. It is surely in the order of God's providence that our home missionary forces are placing such stress on lay evangelism. Every believer must be a missionary. The highest concern of the church today must be the marshaling of all our forces and resources for the finishing of God's work in the earth. The call to finish the work is sounding still louder in our ears than ever before.

—*Review and Herald.*

RESPONSIBILITY OF CHURCH OFFICERS

By G. A. Roberts

Church Officers in the Inter-American Division:

Greetings! Some of you have been an officer in the church in some capacity for years; some of you are serving your first officership this year; therefore, some of you have had much experience, and some of you have had little experience. Many of you came from other churches, and some of you doubtless came from no church. Therefore, in your responsibility as church officers, we know you long for help and counsel that you may do your work of leadership in the Remnant Church in a way that will be pleasing to God. You are the men and women who stand as leaders in the very forefront of the battle for Christ in these last days. You are the ones that lead the advance of the cause into new cities and towns and villages, into new neighborhoods and into new minds and hearts. Your work is a solemnly important one, and we know you long to do it as it should be done, in the very best possible way.

The church work of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination is carried on differently from the church work of any other denomination in the world, for all our church members, are expected to be active, earnest, zealous, missionaries in their own neighborhoods in the city, town, or village where they live. One lone man out of whom the Saviour had cast the evil spirits, was sent to his own house to tell what Jesus had done for him, and the record is that he accomplished the commission and also warned ten cities besides. Luke 8:38, 39; Mark 5:18-20.

Each lay member of each Seventh-day Adventist church should have a congregation over which he presides, not a congregation of Seventh-day Adventists but a congregation of those who do not know the truth. Each Seventh-day Adventist should select in his neighborhood a number of people who know not this truth, and count them as his congregation to win to Christ. This will make of each Seventh-day Adventist a worker, a minister, a leader. It is the business of church officers to direct these activities of the members of the church. So each church officer occupies a solemnly important position, for he in turn is leader and director of a force of

active workers. Your position, dear officer, may be as Sabbath School Superintendent, or Home Missionary Leader, Missionary Volunteer Leader, Home Commission Leader, Church Elder, Deacon or Deaconess, Church Clerk, or Treasurer; but whatever position you hold, it is your responsibility to influence those with whose names you have to do and with whose work you have to do and with whose study you have to do. You are to influence them to the greatest missionary endeavor of which they are at all capable.

Besides all this, the conduct of our regular church services is very important. We do not employ the formal ritualism of certain other denominations, but nevertheless we conduct our church services in a quiet, solemn, dignified and orderly manner. Order is certainly a law of heaven. Order and unity of action in the church, the conference, the entire world work of God, becomes a tower of strength when it is properly directed.

To instruct church officers so that their work may be done in a good and proper manner, there has been published by the direction of the General Conference committee a small booklet entitled "MANUAL FOR CHURCH OFFICERS." In this "Manual" is found direction for proper procedure on the part of all church officers and leaders. As a great help to unity of purpose and action, missionary endeavor, and proper procedure in our church services, we earnestly recommend it to each officer. We recommend that he secure through his Book and Bible House a copy of this very important "Manual". We earnestly pray that each church officer will secure a copy of this "Manual" even though it may require heavy individual sacrifice to do so. We know that even though the price is small, some will need to sacrifice to secure it.

We are very anxious that every officer shall immediately secure this "Manual", because with the present chaotic state of world conditions among nations and between nations, we know not how soon persecution may fall upon this people and thus separate our church officers from ministerial or any other kind of personal denominational leadership.

Then our church officers must stand alone as leaders, and if each officer of every church in the Inter-American Division possesses this "Manual" and carefully follows its directions, each church department of the church will continue to carry on in the same faithful way as before, and persecution will not stop or hinder our work. There is a section in the book for each department leader.

This is a vitally important matter, and it is vitally important that immediate attention be focused upon it. It is vitally important that each church officer who can possibly do so, immediately secure one of these books. It is published in Spanish and English.

Yours for a continued and united work in the Third Angel's Message,



THE IMPORTANCE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people. The church should arouse, and manifest a deep interest in this work."—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 165.

"By some education is placed next to religion, but true education is religion."—*Id.*, p. 108.

"The church is asleep, and does not realize the magnitude of the matter of educating the children to have the blessings and privileges of an education at our schools."—*Id.*, pp. 43, 44.

"There can be no more important work than the education of our youth."—*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 89.

These few brief extracts from the Spirit of prophecy express in varied ways the supreme importance of Christian education.

It is a truism, yet often overlooked, that a man is what his education has made him. It is a plain case of not gathering figs of thistles.

Two families of children grow up side by side in the same church, the same general environment. In one family each child spends a number of years at our school, graduates and enters denominational work or becomes a strong pillar in a local church.

The parents in the other home are more interested in money making. They are not willing to sacrifice. The children never see our school. They eventually marry, and settle down to spiritual lethargy. Some marry out of the truth. But why complete the picture. Is this

a hypothetical case? No, it is an actual experience of personal knowledge and it represents many such experiences.

Those churches that maintain a well-patronized church school will hold from fifty to seventy-five per cent more of their young people.

Christian education is not a bothersome adjunct to the church. It is one of its chief pillars and it helps to stem the back door exodus that is a most distressing feature in many churches.

"To many who place their children in our schools, strong temptations will come, because they desire them to secure what the world regards as the most essential education. Those who regard as essential the knowledge to be gained along the line of worldly education are making a great mistake. . . . To those who feel that their children must have what the world calls the essential education, I would say, bring your children to the simplicity of the Word of God and they will be safe. Those who seek the education that the world esteems so highly are gradually led farther and farther from the principles of truth until they become educated worldlings."—*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, pp. 535, 536.

These words present a picture that is altogether too common. It is a tragical picture because often the victim of the tragedy feels a great superiority of education.

Repeatedly we are bidden as teachers to prepare our students for the great storm that is coming upon the earth. Surely the time is not far distant when the ability to stand firm will be about the only thing that matters. Everything else will be less than nothing. Now as never before we need to evaluate things at their true worth and choose those things that really matter.

The work of God calls for a continuous supply of consecrated young people. Our own eternal future demands that we as young people be placed under the most favorable environment for the development of our spiritual life.

—G. E. Shankel, in *Southern African Division Outlook*.

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"No one can think seriously and soberly without enriching his mind and also his soul."—M. A. Monday.

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When right is on one side and riches on the other you cannot raise the one without lowering the other.—*Proverbs*.

REPORT OF STUDENT COLPORTEURS

By D. A. Cone

Such splendid reports have been coming to the Cristobal Branch office of the Pacific Press Publishing Association regarding the good work being done by student colporteurs this year, that I can refrain no longer from passing along at least a few of the more outstanding experiences.

The first reports reached us from Venezuela. Five lady colporteurs, four of whom had never previously had experience in the colporteur work, took 100 orders for "El Consejero Médico" in one week's time. Most of these orders were with deposits, and nearly half the books were ordered in the best binding.

Another report indicates that Colombia is good territory. In fact, any field in Inter-America is good territory — splendid territory for the Lord's work. Brother Manuel Galeano tells of having worked fourteen hours together with two other young men and together they had 26 orders in the best binding. Two young ladies took 50 orders for "El Consejero Médico" in just a few days with 80.00 pesos advance payments. Brother Arismendi worked 21 hours and took 31 orders with down payments on them all. Brother Tirso Escandon went out canvassing the first week after school closed and took orders valued at 212.30 pesos. The following week his brother Jorge joined him and working together the next week they took orders valued at 518.40 pesos. Brother Jorge Escandon working with Brother López, another student colporteur, took 300.00 pesos worth of orders in three days. Two other young lady student colporteurs Judith and Olga took 15 orders in keratol binding in two days.

Brother Steeves, who is working with student colporteurs in the Panama Conference reports real fine success, also. The first day while working the same block in which he has taken up temporary living quarters, 8 orders were taken, and the following day 10 orders more, making 18 orders in two days and a large proportion of them in the keratol binding and with good deposits on nearly all orders. Young ladies working with magazines sold \$25.00 worth in one day in the city of Colon.

I can think of no other way in which students can do a greater work for the Master than to carry the printed page to those who long for something better. Think of the avenues open in this line of service! Consider the results from faithful efforts by young men and women who love the Lord and work with a two-fold purpose in view! Surely God will bless the seed sown and make it spring forth abundantly.

We ought to have many more young men and women earning their scholarships. Where are they? The literature way is a successful way. Encourage the young people and even children attending the primary grades to earn their school funds through the sale of magazines and books. IT CAN BE DONE. SOME ARE DOING IT. Shall we not encourage more to take up this blessed work?

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"As the will of man co-operates with the will of God, it becomes omnipotent."
—C. O. L. 333.

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Salvation is not only the taking out of old faculties, but the coming in of new forces.

THOSE "EL CENTINELAS"

"E l Centinelas" will surely do their part,
L asting impressions they'll make on every heart.

C ertainly and surely they'll yield a rich return.
E arnestly each paper strives needy souls to turn
N earer heavens' pathway. It's pages nev'r stay
T o speak to drifting hearts needing help along the way.
I ncrease its distribution, let many others share
N ews of free salvation, which all the pages bear.
E arth's remotest household, the "Centinela" needs.
L abor long and faithfully; sow its precious seeds.
A ngels will harvest reap and pronounce "Well done".
S OULS will promptly answer, whom "Centinelas" won.

D. A. CONE.

PERSONAL WITNESSING

By O. Montgomery

"Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what He hath done for my soul." Ps. 66:16.

The text presents in a clear and forcible way the thought of personal witnessing. There is a holy boldness, a fearlessness, an eagerness, expressed in the first three words of the text, "Come and hear." Evidently a desire to attract and direct the attention of all is expressed, for the psalmist says, "Come and hear, all ye that fear God." There is an abounding joy, an enthusiastic earnestness, in the desire that all should hear and understand. He says, Come, all and hear. I will declare what God hath done for my soul. It is the testimony of a personal experience. It is a public, open declaration of a heart history.

The text does not present the thought that the testimony was to be a theological discourse. It was not an expounding of some point of doctrine. It was not the making known of some theory of truth. The words of the psalmist in this text clearly indicate that he was witnessing to his own personal experience in the saving, cleansing, keeping power of God in his own life.

There is no service that one can render for God or for the advancement of His kingdom, no service that is more fruitful for good, more mighty its influences, than that of personal witnessing. There is nothing that will touch the deep-toned chords in other lives more surely and strongly, causing them to vibrate, than the personal experience of one who has been saved and transformed by grace.

Testimony of John

This thought of personal witnessing is beautifully and strikingly set forth in the first verse of the first chapter of the first epistle of John. The apostle declares, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life, . . . that which we have seen and heard, declare we unto you." The witnessing of the apostles was mighty under God through the baptism of the Holy Ghost, because they were testifying to the things which they had heard, which they had seen with their own eyes, which they

had looked upon which they had handled. They were witnessing to their own personal experience which had been wrought out in their hearts and lives and through which they had passed in all their associations with the Saviour of men.

The apostle Peter, in Acts the tenth chapter and the thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth verses, emphasizes the same thought of personal witnessing. He declares: "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him. And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem." They were witnesses and gave their testimony boldly, mightily, concerning the Christ of God, the power of His ministry, the love and compassion of His work for humanity, His miraculous healings, and the deliverances of many from evil spirits. They were witnesses to it all, for they had a part in it all.

Concerning His crucifixion, death, and resurrection on the third day, Peter declared that the resurrected Lord showed Himself openly, "not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with Him after He rose from the dead." They were "chosen before of God" to be witnesses. So it is with every one of the blood-bought children of God. They have been chosen before of God, chosen in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, that they might be witnesses, to testify, to declare to lost men what God has done for their souls.

It was because of their intimate, personal, vital relationship with the Lord Jesus, that the apostles were able to witness boldly, convincingly, and mightily, as they did at Pentecost and ever after as long as they lived. It is said of them, "With great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus; and great grace was upon them all." Acts 4:33. They witnessed or testified to mighty, unimpeachable facts. But those facts concerning Christ, His teachings, His miracles, the things which He suffered and His glorious resurrection, had become personal

experiences. They testified to the things which they knew and through which they had passed.

This thought of witnessing, or of personal testimony, is emphasized in the words of the apostle Peter, which are recorded in Acts 10: 42, "He (Christ) commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify." The emphasis seems to be laid on the thought that all preaching should be a personal testimony. We will not enter into a discussion of the definitions of preaching or testifying. We only wish to emphasize this thought in passing, that it is much easier sometimes to preach than it is to testify.

Personal Experience

There can be no true testimony of the things of God, rendered apart from or without a personal, living, heart experience in the things testified to. This thought is emphasized by the apostle Paul in Acts 20:24. He expresses the great wish that he might finish his course and the ministry which he had received of the Lord Jesus with joy, "to testify the gospel of the grace of God." It is evident that the apostle Paul was ever conscious of the thought that his life—his words, his teachings, his writings, all that he did in the name of and for the Lord Jesus—was a personal witnessing, a personal testimony of the "gospel of the grace of God."

Truly, to His redeemed saints, God has committed an infinite trust. He has made us the depository of His grace, the custodians, the stewards, of His gospel. Peter tells us in his first epistle, fourth chapter, tenth verse, that we are to be "good stewards of the manifold grace of God." This thought of stewardship, is emphasized in the words of the apostle Paul in the fourth chapter and first verse of First Corinthians, in which he declares that we are "the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God." Stewards, those who are charged with a great trust, those to whom God has committed the wonders and the power of the gospel of the Lord Jesus. We are stewards of His mysteries.

There are several scriptures that refer to the things of God and the gospel of the Lord Jesus as mysteries. In Mark, chapter four and verse eleven, the Saviour declared, "Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God."

This, then, is our trust, our stewardship. Unto us it is given "to know the mystery of the kingdom of God," that

lost souls everywhere may, by our witnessing, be saved from sin. These are the things which we are to testify.

Rotherdam's rendering of 1 Corinthians 4:1 is, "Stewards of sacred secrets of God." And Weymouth's rendering is, "Stewards of God's secret truths." What a sacred trust! What a high and holy privilege! "Ye are My witnesses, saith the Lord," "to testify the gospel of the grace of God."

"Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what He hath done for my soul."

—*Review and Herald.*

TWO GOLDEN DAYS

There are two days of the week upon which and about which I never worry. Two care-free days, kept sacredly free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is yesterday. Yesterday, with all its cares and frets, with all its pains and aches, all its faults, its mistakes and blunders, has passed forever beyond the reach of recall. I cannot undo an act that I wrought; I cannot unsay a word that I said on yesterday. All that it holds of my life, of wrongs, regret, and sorrow, is in the hands of the Mighty Love, that can bring honey out of the rock and sweet waters out of the bitterest desert—the Love that can make the wrong things right, that can turn weeping into laughter, that can give beauty for ashes, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, joy of the morning for the woe of the night.

Save for the beautiful memories, sweet and tender, that linger like perfume of roses in the heart of the day that is gone, I have nothing to do with yesterday. It was mine; it is God's.

And the other day I do not worry about is tomorrow. Tomorrow with all its possible adversities, its burdens, its perils, its large promise and poor performance, its failures and mistakes, is as far beyond the reach of my mastery as its dead sister, yesterday. It is a day of God's. Its sun will rise in rosyate splendor, or behind a mask of weeping clouds. But it will rise. Until then, the same love and patience that hold yesterday and hold tomorrow, shine with tender promise into the heart of today. I have no possession in that unborn day of grace. All else is in the safe-keeping of the Infinite Love that holds for me the treasure of yesterday. The Love that is higher than the stars, wider than the

"THANK YOU"

So often we mothers emphasize the words, "thank you," in training of our little ones. Whenever we do anything for them, we are sure to remind them to say, "Thank you." But do we forget to thank them when they do nice things for us?

Perhaps it doesn't seem important; mothers may think that babies don't notice. Say, listen! Haven't you done things of which you have felt very proud? How anxious you were for some one to see or hear about it and notice for himself what you felt so sure he'd consider well done. But when your work was passed unnoticed and you finally had to call attention to it—and even then nothing important was said—can

you remember how you felt? Can you recall your disappointment? Your joy died.

Well, just remember that a child's heart is much more tender than your own. In his little heart he wants to help you. If you let him, encourage him, thank him, praise him, he will continue to enjoy helping you.

He runs for this little thing, picks up that little thing for you when he is small. If you forget to be as polite to him as you are trying to teach him to be to others, he will soon stop trying to help you. Praise is all the pay he asks, and to him that is worth more than gold.

Mothers so often wonder why their children are so eager to help while they are small, and hate to help when they are large enough to do things really worth while. I believe it is our own fault, because it takes only a few disappointing frowns from us to kill that joy of helping in their little hearts.

Every One Makes Mistakes

If a child makes a mistake, remember he was only trying to help. If you scold him for trying, or say that he is "more bother than he is worth," or make him feel that he is in your way, how can you expect him to enjoy your company or want to help you? If he scatters dirt or bits of wood over the floor while getting in the wood, thank him, anyway. Praise him! Tell him he is helping. Make him feel that he is appreciated. He will soon learn to do it better. What is a little dirt now to the loss of your child's trust and confidence? What if he does break a cup or a glass while trying to do the dishes! Better lose a whole set of dishes while he is little and keep his confidence, than to crush him and turn him from you. Remember, he is trying to help you. Say, "Thank you." Be patient, mothers! Be patient. If the children make you five times more work now while they are little, don't scold and fuss. Don't ever make them feel that you do not enjoy their presence or their help.

When baby tries to help you,
Then what do you say?
Do you frown and scold,
And push the dear away?

Or do you tell him, "Thank you;
That's mother's helper boy,"
Remembering his little heart
Is easily filled with joy?

You never fail to teach him
To thank you for what you do;
But remember that he likes
To hear that thank word, too.

—*Selected*

LEAD ME, SAVIOUR

Dear Saviour, lead me, lest I stray,
The path seems dark and drear;
I know I cannot lose the way
If Thou art always near.
I need Thy presence every hour,
To guide my steps aright;
O let me feel Thy Spirit's power,
And help me by Thy might.

When darkness seems to shroud my way,
The path I cannot see,
Grant, Lord, Thy Spirit every day,
And help me trust in Thee.
When Satan's darts at me are hurled,
I want to seek Thy face,
And live unspotted from the world,
Upholden by Thy grace.

I long to walk that narrow road
Which leads to heaven above;
I dare not try to bear my load
Without Thy help and love.
O keep me close, Lord, to Thy side;
May I Thy beauty see,
And ever in Thy love abide;
So lead me, Lord, to Thee.

—*Selected*

skies, deeper than the seas. Tomorrow—it is God's day. It will be mine.

There is left for myself, then but one day of the week—*today*. Any man can fight the battles of today. Any woman can carry the burdens of just one day. Any man can resist the temptations of today. O, friend, it is only when to the burdens and cares of today, carefully measured out to us by the Infinite Wisdom and Might who gives with them the promise, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be," we wilfully add the burdens of those two awful eternities, yesterday and tomorrow,—such burdens as only the mighty God can sustain,—that we break down. It isn't the experience of today that drives men

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COLPORTEUR GOALS AND AIM FOR 1939

At the 1938 Inter-American Division Council held in Balboa, December 11-20, the following resolution was passed:

"Whereas, The speedy proclamation of the advent message to all the world depends to a large extent on the circulation of our truth-filled literature, and recognizing the fact that we have over 52,000,000 judgment-bound souls residing within the Inter-American Division territory,

"We Recommend, That the Inter-American Division set a goal for 1939 of 500 regular colporteur evangelists; and

"Whereas, This can be reached only by the whole body of Adventist believers giving their fullest support and cooperation to a plan which shall make possible a greatly increased colporteur army,

"We Further Recommend, a. That an earnest endeavor be put forth to enlist the cooperation of conference and mission workers, pastors, colporteurs and church leaders in securing recruits for the colporteur ranks.

"b. That each church have as its goal one colporteur for every *thirty* members or major fraction thereof.

"c. That our conference and mission directors see that the plan of reading a portion of the 'Colporteur Evangelist' each Sabbath in the churches be faithfully carried out.

"d. That our colporteurs be encouraged to continue their efforts during the year to win another colporteur.

"e. That the faculties of our schools hold continually before their students the importance of the literature ministry, and plan definitely to organize a Colporteur Band for the purpose of recruiting and training as many students as possible for this work.

"f. That in selecting recruits for the colporteur ministry, care be taken to maintain the high standard for this work by the Spirit of prophecy."

Let us note particularly the goal of "one colporteur for every *thirty* members or major fraction thereof." This, in all of our churches and companies, is the church goal or aim for the year 1939. Our goal of full-time colporteurs by the end of 1939 for the Division as a whole is 500. We recognize that the local church goal of "one colporteur for each *thirty* members or major fraction thereof," if fully realized, will pro-

duce from the churches at least 1,000 colporteurs, because we have over 32,000 members in the Division.

But in order to reach and maintain our Division goal of 500 full-time, regular colporteurs, it will be necessary that we find at least 1,000 who will enter the work. This is so because there is a regular natural loss from the colporteur ranks by death, sickness, and removal from the field, in the very same way that this loss occurs in all other lines of the work. But in addition to this, there is an added and large loss from the colporteur ranks to other lines of our work, a loss that the other lines of our work themselves do not have. This is so because the colporteur work is one of the very best means of training for the ministry, for leadership, and for other lines; and to these lines of work many of our best colporteurs are called. Then there are some who faithfully put in part time, but who cannot give full time to the colporteur work the year round. So it is necessary, as stated above, in order that we reach and maintain our full Division goal of 500 full time regular colporteurs, that we secure from each of our churches and companies at least "one colporteur for each *thirty* members or major fraction thereof."

We make this explanation because we very much desire that each church and company, without the failure of even one, shall immediately undertake to find among each *thirty* members one man or woman or young person who will give his full time in the regular way to the sale of our books or magazines, or to selling of and taking orders for both the books and magazines. We read in the Spirit of prophecy: "The religious round of service in our churches needs to be broken up; the leaven of activity needs to be introduced." We are in that time when we need to rise and make a rush for the Kingdom, and the rush we are to make for the Kingdom is a rush into the closing work for perishing souls.

The way will soon be hedged up so that the living missionary cannot work, and the only influence we will be able to exert in any field then will be the influence of the silent preacher (our books and papers that we now distribute).

It is because of this that we most earnestly urge upon each church and

company the purpose of the resolution above. We call upon mission superintendents, all conference workers, all church officers, and particularly do we call upon the field secretaries and upon all colporteurs now engaged in the work, to bend every energy to seeking out and encouraging into the work every person that should take up this important service for God. More will be said about this by superintendents and field leaders later.

—G. A. ROBERTS

TWO GOLDEN DAYS

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mad. It is the remorse for something that happened yesterday, the dread of what tomorrow may disclose.

These are God's days. Leave them with Him.

Therefore, I think, and I do, and I journey but one day at a time. That is the easy day. That is the man's day. Nay, rather, that is our day—God's and mine. And while faithfully and dutifully I run my course, and work my appointed task on that day of ours, God the Almighty and the All-loving takes care of yesterday and tomorrow.

—R. J. BURDETTE

"You can never forget the people who forget themselves."

THE EXTRAS

It is doing the little "extras,"

The things we're not asked to do—

The favors that help one's brother

To trust in God and you;

It's doing, I say, the "extras,"

The things not looked for, you know,

That will bring us our King's kind

notice

A "well done" as on you go.

—Selected.

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Clubs of Magazines

Many churches have done most effective work in extending the truth and winning souls through the plan of taking a club of "EL CENTINELA" monthly to sell or distribute in the neighborhood or city. How is it done? Order a club of perhaps 100, or 75, 50, 25, or even 10 in the smallest churches. Pay for these papers each month according to the club price for ten or more in your country. Next, seek out young people and others who have a burden to extend the message. Study how to sell the magazines. Ask the conference or mission to send you instructions on how to sell our magazines and they will be glad to send this to you. Study this carefully and prayerfully. Then pray more. Finally, go out with the magazines, praying as you go, and God will help you find souls—one here, another there, who will buy the magazines. If each church will take up this work, many thousands more of magazines will be distributed and many souls will rejoice throughout eternity in the salvation thus brought them.

Besides this, many individuals who are able take a club of "CENTINELAS" to send their relatives who are unsaved, or to give to friends or interested people. Let us all do all that the Lord enables us to do. More "CENTINELAS," more souls.

April 1, 1939

Medical Work Offers the Key to Difficult Situations

Text: "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power; who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him." Acts 10:38.

Medical missionary work is inseparably bound up with the gospel. Healing the body and soul must always go hand in hand. Christ spent more time in healing the sick than in preaching, as the Spirit of prophecy tells, and He desires that we do all we can to alleviate the conditions of distress that are seen on all sides.

Many transgress the laws of health and pay heavy penalties, some willingly, others ignorantly; and we should ever be ready to restore to health and also to make known prevention measures which will help to avoid suffering and will save life.

Jesus said, "I was sick and ye visited me." Both in the home field and over seas, many persons who were enemies to Christ have been won by kindness and medical ministry when in distress. A few years back, a number of Seventh-day Adventists living in a certain part of the United States were arrested by prejudiced neighbors, for working on Sunday. When reported to the sheriff, they were surprised to be told by him that he would have nothing to do with such a matter. It seems that shortly before, these Adventist people helped the sheriff's

family in a time of sickness, and had even cultivated his corn field until he was able to care for it. Now in the time of crisis, the sheriff was ready to stand by his friends. He told the accusers to go home and attend to their own business, as he knew that the Adventists were real neighbors and worthy citizens.

DEATH OF MRS. D. N. PERALTA

Just as copy for this edition is ready to go to the press, word comes of the sudden death of Mrs. D. N. Peralta, of Cali, Colombia. Brother and Sister Peralta have been working in the Pacific Colombia Mission, Brother Peralta serving as secretary-treasurer.

Sister Peralta was a most valuable worker. She was a splendid teacher and an efficient nurse, and was always a great help in every church where she has been. We cannot understand some of these things and the providence of God, but we must submit our ways to Him.

A more detailed report will appear in an early issue of the MESSENGER.

WORTH MUCH MORE THAN THEIR WEIGHT IN GOLD

The Christian Home is the bulwark of society. It prepares the children and youth for the responsibilities and duties of tomorrow. A Christian training in the home will have a telling influence for truth, for right, and for eternity. Children and youth, rightly trained, will become a powerful influence for good upon their associates.

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MEXICAN UNION MISSION

Music in the Service

Several years ago, the Advent message was taken in the printed page to a town in the state of Veracruz. Julio Ramon, a carpenter, felt a deep interest in this message and showed great earnestness in taking his newly-found truth to his neighbors.

He made special efforts to acquaint his friends with the Bible, placing a large number of copies of the Word of God in Veracruz. As a result of his faithful work, a Sabbath school was organized. A year later, Brother Julio Ramon, his wife and two sons, and a number of others, were baptized. It was a day of joy when these people gave themselves to the Lord.

Besides his carpentry trade, Brother Ramon learned the art of music, and became especially interested in seeing others play musical instruments for the glory of God. He is teaching our young men how to play, and the congregation has the pleasure of listening to their songs in the different meetings.

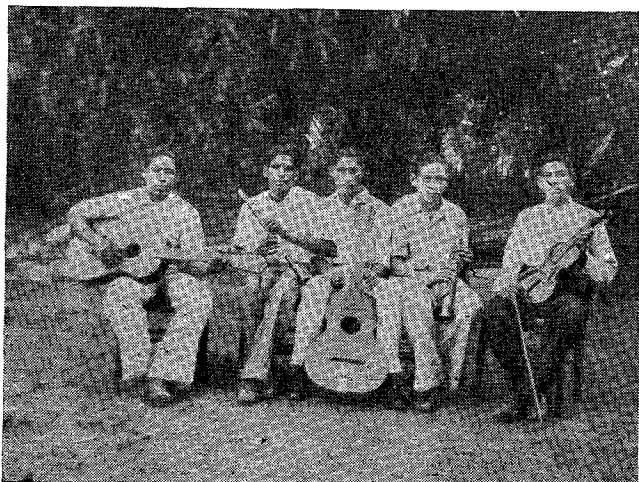
Brother Ramon believes that many are first interested in the message by listening to sacred music, and that through music, God speaks to us. He is dedicating his musical ability to the service of God.

The accompanying photograph shows Brother Ramon with some of those he is teaching to play sacred hymns.

MAX FUSS,

Superintendent, Tehuantepec Mission

Don't keep any company in your heart that you have to apologize to yourself for.



Mr. Julio Ramon with the boys he is teaching to play sacred music.

A Newly Organized Sabbath School

We thank our heavenly Father for the notable progress made in our small town, about 22 kms. from Chetumuh, in the very short time we have had the privilege of receiving the Lord's word.

Recently, the family of one man of our small group arrived here. They had received the gospel truth in the city. When the Sabbath came, they began their usual worship, and when they sang some hymns, neighbors began to gather around. As a result, thirteen families now meet in that place. We have a prayer house especially dedicated to our services. We have 38 members, 12 of whom are already baptized.

Let us all pray that the Lord will send his light to the hearts of all the members of our congregations, inspiring them to work for the cause of God.
*Secretary of Laguna Guerrero Q. Roo.,
Tehuantepec Mission.*

THESE OBEYED

E. R. Warland, principal of the Kamagambo Training School, while on his visit among outschools, secured the following testimony of a native Sabbath school and Missionary Volunteer Secretary, just appointed:

"I have proved from experience that the Lord fulfills His promise to bless those who are faithful in paying tithes and offerings. I have tried to be very careful myself in this matter, and I find the Lord has blessed my gardens.

"In 1926 my crop was *thirty-six* baskets of grain. I returned a faithful tithe and gave an offering to Jesus. In 1927 my crop was *sixty-seven* baskets, an increase of *thirty-one* baskets. Again I gave the Lord His own; and in 1928 He blessed me even more than before, for I had *eighty-five* baskets. This present year, 1929, the Giver of all good things has blessed my gardens more than in any previous year. I have just harvested 153 baskets. This is an increase from *thirty-six* to 153 baskets in three years.

"Yes, brethren, give the Lord His own, and add a good offering. You will gain by it, and be happier too."

A young man of eighteen writes: "Faithfulness in this matter of tithing leaves one with a clear conscience to go about his work with greater vigor and earnestness, increasing his earning capacity. I have received a raise in wages in less than six months, and am drawing an equivalent of full scale wage in my trade. I have also found that my pledge to give to missions each Sabbath is a great help. It acts as a balance wheel to vacillating generosity."

(Send in your personal tithe experiences).

Some men believe that God cannot make anything unless they run the machine.

MEDITATION CORNER

Personal Questions

Have I Done My Part?

"If all the professed people of God, both old and young, would do their duty, there would be no dearth in the treasury. If all would pay a faithful tithe, and devote to the Lord the first-fruits of their increase, there would be a full supply of funds for His work. But the law of God is not respected or obeyed, and this has brought a pressure of want."

"Testimonies," Vol 6, page 385.

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." 2 Cor. 9:6.