

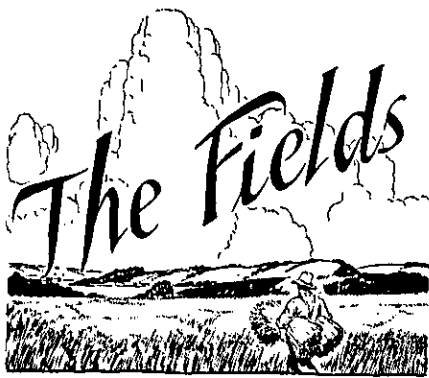
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TIDINGS OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS IN MANY LANDS



Our Chilean strip of opportunity extends from Mt. Aconcagua (world's third highest mountain) down to the Pacific and includes San Felipe and Quillota. Chile enjoys religious liberty. (Photo by permission Enrique Forestier, Valparaiso)

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The objective of this magazine is to encourage the furtherance of the gospel in the far parts of the earth. Its columns are primarily concerned with the labors of missionaries who have gone abroad commended by assemblies in the U. S. A. and Canada. Its ministry is supplementary to that of "Echoes of Service" which reports also the labors of British, Australian and New Zealand workers.

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As the political and financial scenes change in various lands, "The Fields" endeavors to keep well-informed as to the best method of sending funds abroad. It is also in touch with the wishes of many individual missionaries as to their particular system of handling accounts. The assistance of "The Fields" is available to all who wish to transmit gifts to workers. Make all checks and money orders payable to "The Fields, Inc."

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Editorials



Evangelizing Malay Moslems

Impossible? Yes, it is a legal offence to evangelize the Moslems of Malaya. But there are 400,000 Malay Moslems in the southern provinces of Thailand and the door is open to them all. Thailand is the only country in southeast Asia which has not come under European domination. Thailand means "the land of the free" and offers unrestricted liberty in preaching the Word of God to all.

We understand that the Malay Moslems of south Thailand are of the same stock and cultural background as their brothers in Malaya. They also speak the same language. Perhaps in the providence of God the untouched Malay Moslems may be reached through their fellows who are being evangelized just across the border.

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Indian Missions

An interesting report on missionary work in India appeared recently in "Moody Monthly." It bore the earmarks of a thoroughly objective appraisal of the situation. This survey concluded with the following paragraphs.

"Let me add to this report the almost unbelievable fact that 65 per cent of the missionaries that have come to India since the close of World War II have already returned to their homelands for permanent residence. They came as reapers in His harvest field, but two out of every three have been compelled by health or circumstances to leave, or have found the

ground too hard, the weeds and thorns too thick and the sun too hot.

"Think of the problems created by this constant turnover of personnel, of the loss, both in men and money, that is involved in this kind of program. Think—then pray for your missionaries in India, for they wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities and powers of darkness."

Imagine 65% of the evangelical Missions' recruits for India since 1945 being already listed as casualties! This situation is cited, not to discourage, but to deepen our care and prayer regarding candidates for such a difficult field.

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Co-operation on Guarantees

One of the finest expressions of Christian fellowship is inter-assembly activity. Inter-assembly co-operation in Bible conferences, evangelistic campaigns, etc., is always a joy to behold.

An esteemed brother remarked to us quite recently that it would be desirable to see assemblies throughout the country assuming mutual responsibility in the matter of repatriation guarantees. An assembly with a number of workers on those fields where guarantees are required accepts, perforce, a large responsibility which might well be shared by assemblies who carry no such obligations.

It is felt by many leading brethren that the very real issue raised by some foreign government's requirement of

guarantees is by no means generally understood. This matter should be fully realized by every brother who has any concern for the Lord's work and workers.

An Acknowledgment

Due to a regrettable oversight the article entitled "Survey of the Far East," appeared in the October issue

of "The Fields" without a credit line.

The author is our esteemed friend and brother R. E. Harlow of Toronto. Photos accompanying this splendid survey were also supplied by Mr. Harlow. We express appreciation to our brother and look forward to further articles from his pen dealing with missionary matters.

A CHILEAN REPORT

ROYAL MERRITT

Recent History and Constituency.

When I joined Senor Parada and his wife, recently come to Valparaiso, in January 1949, we found 14 believers in the assembly which have continued up to the present time. To this number, in the four and a half years since, there have been added 35 others, baptized on confession of their faith, and 2 from other assemblies, making a total of 54. From this 54, one has married into the Talca assembly and 3 have moved to San Felipe near the Argentine border to become the nucleus of a new assembly there. Our present number is therefore 50. So in the four and a half years there has been a gain of 9 baptized souls each year. At present we have in prospect some 8 or 10 who should be baptized. There are 45 members of the families of believers who together with neighborhood children and others more or less interested friends make up a constituency of 150. There are 20 young people in the fellowship and we keep in touch with 20 more who are not yet baptized.

Object: the establishment of assemblies.

Our object is to establish assem-

blies in Chile after God's pattern as revealed in the Word. By example and teaching we seek to foster worship, prayer and praise, ministry and evangelization in dependence upon



Royal Merritt with Mr. Jorge Mereshian of the Argentine who held special meetings in Valparaiso with results continuing to the present time.

the Holy Spirit according to the Word of God. There is pastoral work, much personal instruction, wide distribution of tracts, open-air preaching and the encouragement of praying groups. The preaching of the Gospel in all its forms and methods is, of course, the spearhead for establishing assemblies.

Regular Meetings

Our regular meetings are: The Breaking of Bread, the Gospel in the hall and in the open-air, two Sunday Schools, Ministry meetings, Prayer meeting with Bible study, and the Brothers' Prayer Group, meetings for youth and the Gospel in the open air are seasonal. Special series of meetings for Gospel and Ministry occur during the year. General conferences in other cities for all believers are annual. Systematic teaching is given in the Bible Class in the Sunday School where we have covered most of the Pentateuch and at the Prayer Meeting where we have taken up the Epistles. These, together with the Gospel and Ministry, keep us in balance and proportion. At one time a married couple in the fellowship held weekly dinner-meetings in their home for neighbors and friends which resulted in eight being added to the communion.

Actual Fellowship.

The fellowship with these Chilean



After this baptism a new hall was dedicated in Quillota.

Christians grows in intensity. After the years with them I have seen, not only an increase in numbers, but also a growth in grace and spiritual maturity. It is always a special joy to be with them over the Word of God and in prayer, in fact, there have been times when the longings of a life time suddenly come true as one has noted the spontaneity and initiative on their part. It is indeed a satisfaction to see their godly care for the other person's welfare, their concern for the unsaved, and an ever increasing sense of responsibility in the meetings of the assembly and in pastoral visitation. And it was a special thrill, when a brother opened a new shoemaker's shop in the downtown section, to dedicate the place together with him by prayer, and to become a co-partner in a venture of faith on a spiritual basis.

Missionary Minded.

Of late, we in the Valparaiso assembly, have become aware that from the group here, have gone our members to other places who have been the means of spreading the Gospel message. The family who moved to San Felipe, near the Argentine border, immediately began to witness for God "in what is a stronghold of Rome." Senor Parada, our beloved fellow-servant, has witnessed to this small assembly several times in his visitations there in a new hall recently opened. There have been conversions and interest. A couple married in our hall went to Puerto Montt. Soon they gathered a number of children into a Sunday School in their new home. Also from Valparaiso we make weekly visits to Quillota where a new hall has been opened recently. In March there was a joint baptism of two from Valparaiso and one from

Quillota. The young brother baptized has won a youth since then, a companion of his to the Lord. So the assembly here has become missionary in spirit and in deed.

Special Prayer Group.

Mention should be made of a group of brothers (7-12) who have met weekly for the last two years and a half in private homes for prayer and fellowship. These men are on their knees for over an hour in earnest petitions for the work the world over, for the Chilean assemblies and for individuals. Much of our blessing could be traced to these petitions. After the prayer the brothers gather around the table for supper and many times the table conversation has been an upbuilding experience. This winter the group has been meeting in the hall without the supper as living costs have risen to inflation prices; but the spirit continues. Recently we have been encouraged by conversions and increased interest in the Gospel.

Senor Eliecer Parada.

The association with brother Parada, a man of God, has been one of the outstanding spiritual experiences of my life. Together we have gone through the joys and sorrows of a developing assembly. Through all testing periods he has proved a faithful and true companion in the Lord. His gift is that of the evangelist, but with this he combines teaching of a high and practical order. He is wonderfully faithful in dealing with souls, and to have had a "successful conversation" with him, is like receiving a certificate of good standing. To me his expository preaching finds him at his best. Then too, he is very happy in Bible Class teaching—it is a kind of teaching that produces changes in people.

To accompany him on a journey is



Senor Eliecer Parada—"to work with him is to love him."

a privilege, for in a train coach he seems freer in the expressions of his deeper convictions and one finds he is a lover of the Lord and of His Word. His fine sensitiveness to the needs of others I have experienced many times. His hospitality is without grudging, and there is joy at his table in the intimacy of his family circle. At a time when both of us were receiving considerable mud-slinging, his inner tranquility was a witness to me. I saw the metals of his character being refined. Such is my fellow-worker and to work with him is to love him. How glorious God's grace to us has been! He has given much service to other assemblies.

Things Personal.

You have asked for my personal relationships with the work—how do I fit into the picture? I can praise God for meeting me in the rich prayer life He has granted. Hours each day with the Lord in prayer has been, in my sober judgment, the most effective work I have done. This has resulted from an ever deepening conviction that the Bible admonishes and commands prayer without ceasing, and from a long experience that has shown me the futility of activity apart from effectual praying. In addition to the



The family of Enrique Soto is like "the house of Stephanas . . . they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints."

purely personal experience in prayer, there have been the priceless and the frequent times of prayer with this brother and that, praying the prayer of agreement. The reality next in importance is the intimate fellowship in Christ with the brothers, having ever Christ's standard before us that we be one in Him, to love each other as He was loved by the Father and as He loved the disciples and us. Another growth has been the increasing faith in the Word of God, especially in the expected fulfillment of promises that apply directly to us.

All this is simply my personal life, of course, but always in relation to every other saint, and never a part

Two in this group, Senor Juan Henriquez (right standing) and his son Alejandro (middle bottom row) moved to San Felipe where they have been used to establish an assembly.

from them. When a brother comes to my room, broken hearted over truly difficult personal problems, then we pray and weep together, and when we rise after he has submitted all to God, not desiring his own will, but only God's will—well, we two, by this experience, have entered into the life of the whole assembly for all are affected by our spiritual health. During the absences of Brother Parada I have taken the responsibility for ministry and teaching. Other brothers have given the Gospel.

Religious Liberty in Chile.

We continue to enjoy religious liberty in Chile and appreciate its blessings more and more, as we realize the limitations existing in other countries and the closing doors. We have liberty to preach in the open air, to distribute tracts, to visit hospitals and prisons. We humbly pray that we may be faithful and be kept faithful to our great privilege.

Subjects for Prayer.

I would like to list the following as



subjects for prayer by the friends at Nathaniel Hall.

1. Pray that we stand complete in all the will of God.

2. Pray for Senor Parada, Senor Soto in charge of our Sunday School and one in his own home, Senor Vicencio who has taken much responsibility in the assembly since his baptism a year and a half ago, that he may meet all the opposition outside, in the power of the Spirit, "and for me" according to Eph. 6:19.

3. Pray that God will raise up from our own midst workers who will go into His Harvest.

4. Pray that God will guide certain young men that hold promise of good service.

5. Pray for the assemblies in Chile: in Valparaiso, Quillota and San Felipe; in Santiago; in Talca, Constitucion, and for the groups and individuals scattered in several parts.

6. Pray for a genuine revival in our midst.

7. Pray that God will send to us guided workers from the mother countries.

8. Pray for the cooperation of home assemblies that the work may expand according to God's plan and purpose.

9. For men and women, raised up of God, who will pray night and day for Chile.

The Encouragement that came today.

May I close with a bit of encouragement that came to me today—one of those many rewards which the Lord has been gracious to bestow on our pilgrim journey. I have been trying to help a youth of 17 in his efforts to acquire English. He is taking a course in English in his high school under a Spanish teacher. Today he was one of three chosen to discourse on a theme to be announced before an

invited audience at the British-Chilean Cultural Institute. We had anticipated such possible subjects as, The Coronation, The Life of George Washington, etc. and prepared accordingly. The subject given this morning, however, was "Who is your best friend?" which demanded rapid thinking, readjustment and the use of an augmented vocabulary. Lionel Parada, son of Senor E. Parada, the young man, one of our Christian youth in fellowship, came to my room afterward to tell of the adventure and he said, "And of whom do you suppose I talked? You!" I was completely swept off my feet and deeply moved that this boy entertained any such sentiment towards me. What a rich reward in that a boy of 17 should consider a man of 68 and from another country, as his best friend—and to realize that it all is based on the fact that we both are one in Christ—that our English lessons have been Christ centered—that the relationship between teacher and taught has been that of two brothers in Christ.

Speak to us, Lord

Speak to us, Lord, until our hearts are melted,

To share in Thy compassion for the lost;

Till our souls throb with burning intercession,

That they shall know Thy Name, whate'er the cost.

Speak to us, Lord, till shamed by Thy great giving,

Our hands unclasp to set our treasures free;

Our will, our love, our dear ones, our possessions,

All gladly yielded, gracious Lord, to Thee.

—Selected

SCHOOL WORK IN BANGALORE

By EMMA N. HORTON

It is a real joy to be home in Canada again and a genuine privilege to have opportunities to tell about the work being done for the Lord Jesus in the city of Bangalore, South India. The phase of the work which takes most of my time and interest centers round



Miss Emma Horton

Clarence High School. During the 39 years of service which this school has rendered to the English-speaking Anglo-Indian and Indian population of the northwest corner of Bangalore, many hundreds of boys and girls have received a high standard of secular education; have been taught in the Scriptures, and have gone forth to their life's jobs with a working knowledge of the great fundamental truths of the Word of God.

The present enrollment is 375 of which many will become the leading citizens of India. They are the children of merchants, Government officials, technicians, doctors, professors and others who want their children to



Group of pupils, Clarence School, Bangalore receive an English education.

Four of us on the teaching staff are commended from assemblies in the homelands of Australia, New Zealand, and Canada; the founders who are still very vital members of the management are from England; the remaining members of the teaching and office staffs are local inhabitants,



Some of Miss Horton's charges at Bangalore

trained in colleges of India. All of us are in great need of your prayerful interest. Daily we desire to "live Christ" before these children and their parents who are either Hindus, Muslims, Parsees, Sikhs or Christians.

The various activities of the school include sports in which some C. H. S. scholars excel, Scouts and Guides, Sunday School, Christian Youth Fellowship, public examinations, the results of which are always rather encouraging, and other activities all of which make the work carried on at Clarence well worth your earnest prayers.

The finances of the school are maintained by fees paid by the scholars, by a small government grant and by gifts from the Lord's people. During 1952 we were able to install a complete sewerage system, to build a small pavilion on the Sports field, to obtain small amounts of visual-aid and kindergarten equipment, and now we are praying about building a new block for the very overcrowded Kindergarten department.

The five weeks of lectures which I took at the 1953 Summer School of Education in Victoria, B. C., have



S. S. Class at Bethesda, Bangalore

better equipped me for the task to which I return next spring, D. V. My special responsibility is the kindergarten section with an enrollment of nearly 120 kiddies ranging in age from four to eight and divided into four groups. My desire is to go back to them with fresh teaching ideas, new zeal, and helpful books and equipment.

A DANGER

By HENRY GROVES

(Mr. Groves, son of the great pioneer to Persia and India—Anthony Norris Groves, warns against the danger of a shielded and shallow experience.—Editor)

In seeking to lead others into the Lord's service, there is a danger of our forgetting the way in which God Himself has led His servants, and fitted them for service. God's plan, as we have before pointed out, seems to be at first to let difficulties surround the path of the child of faith, the gracious object being to test faith at the outset, and thereby to prevent failure in the end.

Thus, when Abraham went into Canaan in obedience to God, the first thing that met him was a famine.

When the stripling David came into the camp of Israel and his soul was stung by the taunts of Goliath against Israel and their God, his brethren despised him, and mocked at his godly indignation, for they knew not David's secret about the lion and the bear that he had slain. He had not published it abroad; He waited God's time to use it.

The Holy One of God had all the demerit of His lowly birth, and all the superadded dishonor of being a Nazarene, reckoned against Him in His life ministry.

We are prone in unwise love, though with real desire to help forward God's work, to lay hands suddenly on brethren, and to remove out of their way all difficulties, which we may seek ourselves to bear, or to get others to bear for them. Thus taking off their shoulders the very burden divine love and wisdom has appointed, we send them forth, unfledged, into a path of service, the cost of which they have never counted. Instead of leading them to seek grace to endure hardness, we seek rather to shield them from it.

How perfect is God's school! How wise His training! How great His prudence in withholding generally the means from those who seem most desirous to advance His glory! We little know how much harm our shortsighted love and our ill-timed assistance would cause. Our God sees it all, and He allows His silver and His gold to be squandered by fools and leaves in Nazarene want and difficulties those who, if Nazarenes themselves, will not be afraid of a Nazarene pathway of service. In some cases it is hard to decide whether the Lord's people do harm or good with the means they make use of for what they really believe has God's glory for its object.

Let us then be careful to act *with* God if we would act *for* God, and in God's own time He will give to faith—after it has been proved—all that it needs; and the pathway of His tried and proved servant will be like that of the just, which shineth more and more to the perfect day.

Mistakes made at the beginning are easily remedied when discovered. One who has mistaken either his line of service or the measure of his faith may rise from his fall humbler and

wiser, and may prove in the end a faithful servant.

The history of Mark is very instructive in this respect.* At the beginning he had not counted what it was to become the companion of Paul, and therefore returned home from Pamphylia; and yet of him Paul beautifully says later on, "Take Mark and bring him with thee, for he is profitable to me for the ministry." Perhaps the loving Barnabas thought that his self-denying fellow-laborer, the devoted servant of his Master, made the standard of companionship in Christ's service too high, and did not sufficiently smooth away the difficulties before his young nephew. But we judge that Paul was right, and Barnabas wrong, and that Paul's discipline had made Mark what he was when Paul wrote his second epistle to Timothy, in which he sent for him, perhaps to be the companion and the comforter of his closing days, when he was about to be offered up.

Let our love be more jealous for God, and then we shall give more and expect more. Then there will be an intense manhood—for it is written, "Quit you like *men*"—and there will be fewer breakings-down and givings-up in the Lord's service.

*See Acts 12:25; 13:5, 13; 15:36-41; Col. 4:10; II Tim. 4:11; Phile. 24; I Peter 5:13.

Wants and Needs

Wants and needs are different things. We often want what we do not need, and need what we do not want. To want what God wishes is the way to have our needs met. The grace we receive is for present need, and not for future supposed necessities. Grace to suffer is for a suffering season; grace to die is for dying moments.

—H. K. D.

FIFTY YEARS SERVICE IN AFRICA

Miss Annie Gammon's Jubilee Celebrated in Africa

Miss Annie Gammon, who has just completed 50 years of faithful service in Angola, comes from a well known missionary family, several members of which have rendered long and valuable service in the spread of the Gospel in Central Africa. Mr. Willie Gammon laid down his life in the early days of the work at Luanza, the station founded by Dan Crawford after being only three years in the country. Before he died he expressed the desire that others of his family would take up the work he was laying down. Two sisters and one brother responded to that call. Miss Annie Gammon was the first, then Miss Dora Gammon, who became Mrs. Wm. Lammond and finally Mr. Leonard Gammon, who rendered yeoman service both in Eic and Chokweland. Mrs. Lammond died this year after many years service at Johnstone Falls in Northern Rhodesia and Mr. Leonard Gammon very tragically lost his life in an accident at Ndola in 1940 while

on his way back to Luma Casai from furlough. Several members of the second generation are also carrying on the work.

Miss Annie Gammon landed at Luanda, the capital of Angola, on August 19, 1903. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cunningham, Mr. Hearn, Miss Hearn (who later became Mrs. Figg), Miss Anna Hartley of Hamilton, Ont., and Miss Gammon. Owing to the native uprising at Bailundu the usual route from Benguela at the coast to the interior was closed and the party took a more northerly one going from Luanda to Lucala by train and from there by native carrier to Bie. The last part of the journey occupied 17 days, the ladies being carried in hammocks.

Miss Gammon and Miss Hartley on arrival in Bie stayed at Chilonda for 18 months and subsequently accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Lane when they opened the work at Capango in April



Miss Annie Gammon arrived in Africa August 19, 1903.



Sanji, saved about 60 years ago, a pioneer in the Bie work. One of the speakers at Miss Gammon's jubilee.

1905. The missionaries at first lived in grass huts while more permanent buildings were being built. Permission to build was refused at Silva Porto, the nearest administration and Mr. Lane had to take the long journey to Luanda most of the way on foot before authorization was finally granted.

The work in Bie has been signally blessed of God and three of the workers, Mr. Edward Sanders, Mrs. Elizabeth Murrain and Miss Gammon completed half a century of labor. The two former have in recent years gone to be with the Lord and Miss Gammon is the only survivor of those early days. The occasion was celebrated with a day of thanksgiving, prayer and ministry. There were three sessions, morning, afternoon and evening and at each meeting the large hall at Capango which seats a thousand was well filled. Both African and missionary brethren took part.

Seculu Camalta, who has worked for Miss Gammon for 45 years told of

the difficulties of those early days, no one would work for them nor come to school or the meetings and how Mr. Lane tramped around the country and the ladies rode on donkeys inviting the people. It speaks well for the solidarity of the work that quite a number who were saved at that time were present at the jubilee and have gone on well throughout the years. Then Sachilamba, Sanji (saved about 60 years) and Savikolo gave vivid and sometimes amusing accounts of early experiences to win the people. Messrs. Ed. Bodaly, Alan Adcock and Ernest Wilson gave words of ministry and Mr. Walter Gammon (son of Mr. Leonard Gammon) read a statement from Miss Gammon in which she gave all the praise and glory to God for His faithfulness throughout the years. All present then very heartily sang the doxology in the Umbundu language.

(Our thanks are due Mr. T. Ernest Wilson for so kindly supplying the above article and photos.—Editor)



Group of missionaries at Capango, Bie, at Miss Gammon's jubilee.

Poverty and Progress

In a recent letter a leading French Christian says: "The task before us is great in view of the smallness of our means; we are poor materially, poor as to our callings, poor as to the potent gifts of the Spirit. Certain believers easily become sleepy, though others are zealous for the Master. The difficulties are numerous; there is a need of housing for the workers, of halls for the meetings, of funds, of servants of Christ to extend the work both regionally and in depth."

This is not an isolated complaint, for you will find the same limiting, throttling, devitalizing sense of poverty all across Europe. Frustration has laid its icy hand on the heart of these countries, socially and politically debilitated as they have become. Little wonder that it even seeps into the mentality of the Lord's people. "If only we had the money," they say. "We lack everything . . . while in some other countries, there is super-abundance. The majority of our believers have a desperately hard struggle to live, and there is therefore no large surplus to provide for the pioneer work which ought to be going forward."

No one who knows the facts, would deny the truth of this. There is grinding poverty, the need of funds in every branch of the work of the Lord in Europe is a stark reality . . . and yet? The real danger is that of putting the cart before the horse. The Lord *could* rain down dollars from heaven. But the primary and most urgent need is not supplies but SUPPLICATION, a laying hold of the living God, and a rendering of heart before Him. Europe's deepest necessity is spiritual, and that will not be

met from any country outside the Continent, only from Heaven.

The best news that could come out of stricken Europe would be that groups of Christians in France, in Germany, in Italy, in Spain, in Portugal and in many another country, were laying hold of God as never before, refusing to let Him go until He blessed them.

And the most effectual help that can be given to Europe at this present critical time, when so much hangs in the balance, would be to join such groups at the Throne of Grace, laying bare one's heart to the sorrows, the toils, and the long hard struggle of those who live in this Continent, and especially of those who witness for Christ here.

It is only thus that there will be a restoration of the years which the cankerworm has eaten.

(The above article is from "Lines of Communication" a publication edited and issued every four months by Mr. A. G. Ingleby. Interested readers may receive this news-sheet on the Lord's work in Europe, especially in Portugal and Spain, by writing Mr. Ingleby at Rua Manuel Arriaga, 50 Parede, Portugal.—Editor)

DISCIPLESHIP

By J. M. SHAW

(Mr. Shaw is a capable Bible teacher, well-known in Britain. This article is challenging.—Editor)

The Christian message poses a paradox. From one angle its terms are the easiest imaginable; from another they are the stiffest possible. Becoming a Christian is the simplest of all propositions, but being a Christian is the most exacting task a man may undertake.

Reflection will establish that both aspects of the message are rationally

inevitable. A man must have salvation for the taking, for he could never earn it. Moreover, discipleship is incompatible with ease and softness. Hence our Lord's words: "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."

Discipleship calls for committal to Christ without reserve, that He may use the surrendered life for His purposes in this present age. He indicates these purposes in the illustration He employs of the man desiring to build a tower and of the king engaging in war. Our Lord is building and battling; and as He first counts the cost, He insists upon absolute submission and undivided loyalty to Him as the condition of the privilege of following and serving Him. He must have men upon whom He can depend.

Reasonable though the condition is, the human heart most frequently shrinks from it. The instances recorded at the end of Luke 9 indicate this. The ready disciple who, not called, volunteered to follow the Lord wherever He went, was silent when the Lord pointed out to him the apparent unattractiveness of following Him. "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests: but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head." Nor were the two He called more forthcoming. They pleaded the responsibilities and courtesies of family life as reasons why their response to the call should be postponed for the present.

Why this hesitancy? It is unlikely that the reasons advanced were the true reasons, but words they both used surely reveal the troubled. "ME FIRST," said they both. Following the Lord conflicted, so they wrongly thought, with their own best interests. Therefore they declined the call.

How different the widow woman of Elijah's day: "Make ME a little cake FIRST . . . and after make for thee and for thy son. And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah." With what result? She discovered that her prospects improved and her interests were safe in the hands of the man who had authority in heaven, on earth, and over death. So today it is the Lord invested with all authority in heaven and on earth, the Lord Who has the keys of death and of hades who calls. When faith sees Him for who He is, self is denied and He is first.

Which "ME FIRST" prevails in our lives?

—*Echoes of Service*

"Only One Life"

Two little lines I heard one day,
As I plodded on in my usual way;
And they rang in my ears again and again,
Repeating in solemn sweet refrain:
"Only one life, 'twill soon be past;
Only what's done for Christ will last."

"Only one life"—a few brief years—
Each with its burden of hopes and fears;
Each with its record of good and ill,
As I please myself, or do His will.
"Only one life, 'twill soon be past;
Only what's done for Christ will last."

"Only one life!" The still, small voice
Gently allures to the better choice,
Bidding me never let selfish aims
Overshadow my Savior's claims.
"Only one life, 'twill soon be past;
Only what's done for Christ will last."

Give me, Father, a purpose deep
In joy and sorrow Thy trust to keep;
And so, through trouble, and care, and strife
To glorify Thee in my daily life.
"Only one life, 'twill soon be past;
Only what's done for Christ will last."

—*Selected*

Send "The Fields" to a Christian friend as an ideal holiday gift. See rates on inside front cover.

Four Questions

H. J. T. FAULKNER

(This article, by one of the "East and West," discusses the literature question from a missionary's point of view in a magazine printed on the mission field for missionaries. "East and West" is designed to promote fellowship among workers in Angola, Belgian Congo and Rhodesia.—Editor)

Is it being done?

Why should it be done?

When should it be done?

How should it be done?

What is all this about? The questions relate to that which may yet prove to be the most important part of our work in this country, namely that of flooding the villages with the right kind of literature. The Book of paramount importance, to which all else must bow, is the Word of God.

Question one—Is it being done? How many books have we sold during the last month? Do we keep a supply of books, small and large, designed to bring readers to the knowledge of God? Do we urge people to purchase or do we wait until they come along in a casual, half-hearted manner? When other literature is sold to those who have a desire to study, do we slip a tract into the book on hygiene?

Question two—Why should it be done? Because literature is the most potent weapon which we possess. Because if we do not get reading matter calculated to lead men to God into the homes of the people, then literature which will blind their minds and do them harm will certainly come. The tribes in Africa, from North to South are being moulded by the pages of print. What is the shape into which they are being formed? Do we not

know of many who have been brought out of darkness into light through the reading of the Bible? Let us make a strong effort not only to sell these priceless books but also other aids to the understanding of The Book, to both saved and unsaved.

There are few, if any, Europeans who really know the African's mentality and are able to get beneath his mask of secrecy. His skill in withholding information, the limited confidence he shows and the lack of shame in pouring out lies, all make the getting beneath his surface difficult, but God's Word gets there!

Question three—When should it be done? Now or never! There are now wide open doors for the spreading of literature, a willingness to buy which we should exploit and it cannot be over emphasized that now is the time to use this potent weapon with the utmost energy.

The revolutionary changes taking place constantly in Africa, the rapid development of the present generation, his advance in the knowledge of world affairs—which may not be so accurate nor extensive as he fondly imagines—all point to the importance of the present day opportunity.

Let us make a determined effort to get the Scriptures into the hands of the people everywhere and an increasing variety of books; for the African, though liberated from the tyranny of chiefs of a past decade, has tasted the sweetness, and perhaps the bitterness, of the first rush of civilization, has heard the Gospel clearly or otherwise, and has received much of the good which the Gospel brings, nevertheless he is still in darkness and knows not God. Now is the time to flood the country with literature which is not only calculated to lead men to God, but which, because it

leads men to God can make them exemplary citizens.

Question four—How should it be done? This depends upon the locality and those engaged in the work. A business man's slogan is "Keep your goods before the eye of the public." Books hidden away on our shelves where none will find them but the white ants, will not benefit the folk around us.

Undoubtedly many who read these lines will have had some valuable experience in this branch of our work. Why not write to the editors of "East and West" and pass on some of the methods you have used with success? By so doing you may help others in this urgent, but not easy task.

Advantage of Adversity

An old maori woman had won the name of "Warrior Brown" because of her fighting qualities when in drink or enraged. She was converted, and gave her testimony to a group gathered in her old haunts of sin, whereupon some foolish person hit her a nasty blow with a potato. A week before, the cowardly insulter would have needed to make himself scarce; but what a change! "Warrior" picked up the potato without a word and carried it home. No more was heard of the incident until the harvest festival came round, and then "warrior" brought a little sack of potatoes and explained that she had cut up and planted the insulting potato, and was now presenting the Lord with the increase.

Out of the death of a kernel,
A harvest of golden grain;
Out of insult and injury,
Wonderful, God-given gain!

M. J. C.

A "Missionary Prayer List" may be had from "The Fields" office for 10c



Prayer Pointers

For Mr. and Mrs. Liddon Sheridan (Nyankunde) in the matter of the schooling of their son Newell, now 7½ years of age.

For the work at Lanus, Argentina, in the various difficulties arising at this time.

For Arthur, son of Raymond Dibble (Nigeria) who has been seriously ill with pneumonia.

Word has been received that Mrs. James Scollon is in the Hospital in Ferndale, Mich., for an operation. Prayer will be valued.

For strengthening of the work in Phuket, West Thailand where difficulties are increasing due to division among the Christians.

For opportunity to commence a work among the many American residents in Tangier.

Continued prayer for Geoffrey T. Bull of whom no news has been received although other workers are being release from Communist prisons.

For Mrs. W. L. McClenahan—under a Doctor's care since the home-call of her husband whom she nursed during the many months of his illness.

PRAISE

James C. Kenney of Bolivia writes that he is recovering from the recent operation for the removal of a tumor and expects to return to the field within two month's time.

Notes and Comments

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It is requested that those interested in sending parcels or letters to Brother Gabrijel Jonke in Jugoslavia first communicate with The Fields office.

WILLIAM DEANS of Congo Belge writes: The British and Foreign Bible Society have now approved the Congo Swahili manuscript of the New Testament as prepared by workers at Nyankunde and collaborating missionaries, and the translation has now gone to the printers for typesetting. There is much cause for praise that obstacles placed in the way of the work have been removed by the Lord, and there is now every expectation that this revised edition of the New Testament will soon be available for Congo literates. Work on the Old Testament translation is now proceeding, and the prayers of the Lord's people are requested that this work may go forward accurately and quickly.

The Detroit Missionary Council announces their first Missionary Conference to be held at the Detroit Bible Institute, 17370 Meyers Ave., Detroit 2, Mich., Nov. 20, 21 and 22. Speakers expected are: Capt. John Barlow, Toronto, Ont., Robert Greenhow, Belgian Congo, Dr. Edward Harlow, Toronto, Ont., Rowland H. C. Hill, India, Fred G. MacKenzie, Kenilworth, N. J., John Smart, New Jersey, and others. Conference Schedule: Friday, Nov. 20—7:45 p. m., Sat., Nov. 21—3 p. m. and 7 p. m., Sun. Nov. 22, 3 p. m. For further information please contact The Detroit Missionary Council, Inc., 15357 Prevost Ave., Detroit 27, Mich.

The 14th semi-annual New England Sisters Missionary Conference was

held in Boston, Massachusetts, on Saturday, October 17. The Lord blessed us with a beautiful day and an attendance of about 300. Interesting and helpful messages were given by Mrs. Andrew Stenhouse, Chile, S. A.; Mrs. Cyril Brooks, Philippines; Mrs. Dominic Lipsi, Brazil, S. A.; Miss Edith Mieras, Natal, S. Africa; Miss Marjorie Bolton, Dominican Republic. The speakers tried to impress on the sisters the great need of prayer and faith.

Official Acknowledgment of Receipts for October

For workers	\$ 19,133.89
For expenses	705.59
	\$ 19,839.48

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Schools In Israel

In the last four years Israel's school enrollment has mushroomed to three and one-half times its original size. Education is compulsory for all children between the ages of five and seventeen who have not completed an elementary schooling. Twenty-five per cent of Israel's students are enrolled in religious schools; thirty-seven per cent receive training in schools operated by labor organizations. Because of inadequate facilities and staffs only twenty per cent of Israel's young people of high school age are receiving a higher education. To advance her educational system, Israel appeals for funds in the United States.

Letters

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ANGOLA, PORT. WEST AFRICA

Saurimo CLIFFORD M. BEGGS®

Biula

We have reached the slacker time of the year in the medical work, and believe me we are glad of breathing space. For the first seven months of the year we have been very busy. I think we averaged about 80 patients a day for months. Our little hospital is almost complete; just a few inside doors are missing. The cots—a gift from America are still at the coast. Vivian Grant brought them with her along with other things, all of which is very lovely and so very useful. It is just wonderful to see the work those Sisters over there are doing. They have so many projects in hand that I do not know how they manage it all. We are expecting Dr. Bier here

next Monday for a clinic. He visits us every two months. It's nice to have his help in diagnosing the more difficult cases.

Did you know that we have started a small leper work? It is not as large as that being done by Jean Park at Saurimo. For a long time I tried to get the natives to go to the leper camp at Boma for we did not feel that we could build houses, etc., and provide them with food and medicine. They did not like to go so far from their homes for they say, "Out of sight, out of mind." Their relatives would forget them. In the long run we told them that if they built their own houses and provided themselves with food we would give them medicine. Now six lepers have come to the mission and built houses. Though we do give them a little meat and fish now and again we hope to make them as self-supporting as possible.

Saurimo

It sure does make a difference to have Dr. Bier come up to visit us. He was here recently and I expect him soon for circumcisions when the school year finishes. By that time Dr. Stinton will be settled in at Boma.

Do you remember the morning we went down to choose the site of the Leper Camp? Well there are now nine houses plus a storehouse, 3 native kitchens and a palaver house on that site. There are 13 lepers having treatment and they themselves have prepared one field with a combined crop of mandioc and peanuts and another with mandioc and sweet potatoes. Behind the houses they have over 30 banana plants and there is already a stem of bananas on one plant. Presently old Charles and some of the women are clearly off ground to plant lentils and mandioc so the food situation should be better in the future.



Mr. and Mrs. Beggs and son Allan Leslie

Dr. Bier has given me some of the new tablets so the leper work is not as tedious as when we used chalmoo-gra oil injections.

I have now two native boys helping at the dispensary and they are doing well. The little boy caught by the "croc" went home a few months ago and was able to walk. This seems a miracle to me with the crude splinting we have here.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McLeod

At the end of the month we will be off to Nova Chaves, Chilujaji direction—to visit 5 or 6 assemblies and preach the Gospel. We will be glad of help in prayer. A soul professed at Nhama last week but here at Saurimo few have professed of late. Mirell is getting out to the villages to improve her Chokwe.

Now that I am married I have had to extend the house and hope to be able to build a boarding school too. Then we could bring in the evangelists from time to time for Bible Study as well as using it for the Boarding School boys.

Boma

We are just beginning to get the warm weather and as I write it is about 90 degrees. I know that in American cities in summer you have it warmer than this but this will remind you that our African weather goes on the same.

Tom and Nancy Wilson and children arrived here a week ago. The builders from V. Luso and native carpenters are swarming over the walls of the house getting it ready for the new tile roof. The tiles have been lying here since before they went on furlough. Nancy has had some asthma since coming back.

The McLarens were in this week getting supplies for a further trip to the diamond mine area. They are now

trying to have the concession for Peso transferred to T. de Sousa and starting a new station there.

Alex and Grace McLellan have gone to Biula to live and are occupying Mr. MacJannet's house until they get their own built. The MacJannets left V. Luso August 16 on furlough.

(The above items are from letters received by Mr. Beggs from the field. Mr. Beggs is now on furlough in the U. S. A.)

BELGIAN CONGO, AFRICA

Nyankunde Mrs. LIDDON SHERIDAN—

Liddon had a good safari at Tsera last week, and saw the Lord's blessing. Last Lord's day we took the children and spent the day at Sakoko, arriving in time for the gospel meeting and the breaking of bread. For me, this was the first time I had been there, and it is a lovely spot, and our hearts went out to those people who so long for a resident missionary there. There is a real need for medical work, but it is impossible to send an infirmier unless white people live there too. They have built a dispensary themselves in hopes that one would be soon forthcoming. We enjoyed very much the fellowship with the Lord's people there.

FRENCH INDO-CHINA, ASIA

Laos HAROLD D. LABUFF® —

The Bible School has been under way for a week here in Savannakhet. Until now we have had 17 brethren coming from seven different assemblies. A few who hope to come have been hindered by sickness or other circumstances but may be able to make it later. Some of these brethren are elders; others are young men who have done some evangelizing but know very little about the Bible as a whole. Do pray for this work and that God will keep back any proposed attacks on Laos

until His will in allowing us to organize this school shall have been accomplished.



A tribes-woman of the Souay folk who came to Christ upon hearing that He would forgive her sins and give her a new body in glory. Her present one is marred by disease.



A group of believers in a bush village. The two men pictured have been much used of God and both are here studying the Word at present.

ISRAEL, ASIA

Nazareth HARRY L. MEDROW®. The

best news is that we had the unusual privilege of baptizing a convert from the Druse religion. A Russian couple, true believers, have been faithfully visiting his village for years, and they came to us with his and their request that we baptize him. After prayer we took Bro. Jameel and our Russian friends along and paid him a visit in his village, where he and his family received us with that usual gracious Arab hospitality. He is a quiet unassuming man, very friendly, and evidently most sincere. His friends gathered to see us and all listened and watched with much interest, while I gave a gospel message with the aid of the flannelgraph. Later we questioned him privately about his faith in Christ and his desire to be baptized. His answers were quite clear; he had desired baptism for a long time but the Arab believers had kept him waiting, as they usually do, for there are many deceivers. I pointed out that baptism might bring in-

tense persecution, and he replied that for the Lord Jesus' sake he was ready and in fact he was already

suffering for his testimony.

So we arranged it and two weeks later, with the fellowship of our Nazareth brethren, Bro. Jameel immersed him in a lovely spot at the shore of the Sea of Galilee. So many wanted to go that the assembly had to engage two

trucks, and it was a joyful occasion. Now we must pray for this dear brother. He asked us to pray for his wife's salvation, and there are others, interested, some of them perhaps secret believers, who come to his house for meetings.

Brother Elias (Lydda) by letter regretted that his work kept him from being a participant in the baptism, for he is quite ready, and he hopes to be baptized when on leave, and perhaps his wife will join him in it, for she too has declared her faith in Christ. It was good to get the glad news that a brother of one of the new believers, for whom we have prayed, has surrendered to the Lord Jesus. Now we are praying for Bro. Clapham's special meetings down there.

SOUTH INDIA, ASIA

Madras Miss HILDUR EKMAN—If you had been with us yesterday out in the villages, you would have seen things, as they really are—the lack of water, and food, too, is appalling. The poor people eagerly gathered around us to hear the gospel, and as usual, asked: If they become Christians, will He give them food and water? Alas! (Rice Christians).

We could only give them as an answer Matt. 6: 25-34, and pray the Lord would be gracious and send some rain, and above all—spiritual showers, that in their desperate calamity they will turn from their idols to seek the true God, and Jesus Christ the ONLY Savior of mankind. In the midst of all the above God is working, and souls are earnestly seeking deliverance from their sins and we believe that there will be a mighty harvest of precious souls saved for time and eternity, as a result of the hardship they endure.

The Indian Evangelist, and his family need your prayers. They live in the midst of these villages and the people who are continually crying for help. You can understand how very difficult it is to continue to preach to men, women and children who are starving for food and water day after day.

Praise God, here in the City of Madras we have sufficient water for the present, but rain is sadly needed here also. We have had considerable encouragement in the work among the College students and the Nurses, and value your fellowship in prayer that those who have accepted Christ as personal Savior may continue steadfast, and witness for Him to their fellow students.

JAPAN, ASIA

Osaka HOWARD G. BUDD®—We have just had a visit from a brother Jordan Khan of India who labors in the gospel in that country, and last Lord's day evening concluded a series of special gospel meetings which were held during the week he was with us. As you perhaps know, the average Japanese looks on "Christianity" as a Western religion which has nothing to do with himself or other oriental people and so we are always glad of an opportunity to show that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. Having brother Khan with us gave a good opportunity to again proclaim the fact that in Christ there is no East or West. The preaching had to be done through interpretation but nevertheless the Word went forth in power and some were saved. Others expressed a desire to hear more and a good interest was created in the neighborhood so that we trust there will be further blessing.

There was a baptism here at the beginning of August, and God willing we hope to have another before long, as there are some others who also want to take this step. As new ones are thus added the work continues to grow but we long to see even greater results and so ask that you continue with us in prayer to that end.

JAPAN, ASIA

Tokyo ADRIAN C. PRESSON®—

The Lord is blessing greatly as we go on studying the language and learning more of the Japanese people.

Each Lord's day evening we have an English Breaking of Bread meeting in our home. Missionaries, servicemen, Japanese and Chinese, who desire to remember the Lord till He comes, attend. Sometimes our group is small, then again it's more than our living room can seat, but the Word says, ". . . where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst," and we have certainly felt His presence with us. We would extend a hearty welcome to any serviceman or other believer that is located in the Tokyo area to visit and fellowship with us at any time.

We seek the Lord's leading and wait upon Him to show us His choice when a suitable knowledge of the language is attained.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, ASIA

Manila CYRIL H. BROOKS®—We

left Manila on August 1 and there was a large group down to see us off. The ship was four days in Hongkong and we were able to see the British workers there. Hongkong is a place where one sees extravagant wealth rubbing shoulders with direst poverty. Thousands of refugees have poured in to the Colony so there is much unemployment. It was obvious

that there is much spiritual need but alas, the needy seem to be more concerned with temporal and physical needs than the spiritual.

Five days after leaving Hongkong we reached Yokohama and spent six days in Japan, rejoining the ship at Kobe. The Craigs and Brother Presson met the ship and drove us up to Tokyo. After dinner with the Pressons they took us to a rally at which General Harrison (signer of the truce at Panmunjon) was speaking. He gave a very simple but clear message on faith. In his message and in the brief testimony of Mrs. Harrison there was no uncertain sound. The following day almost all the workers in the Tokyo area met for a time of fellowship. It was a pleasant surprise to meet Miss McKenzie and Miss Roberts there on a visit from Formosa. A day was spent in Nagoya but we missed seeing the Lowers as they had not returned from the hills. We had two nights with the Budds in Osaka (Paul Craig and a Japanese brother accompanied us on our trip overland). We had planned to go to Kyoto from Nagoya but time did not permit. On arriving at Osaka we learned there had been a serious flood near Kyoto the night before and the railroad on which we travelled through the mountains was washed out the night after we passed that way. We went to a Bible reading conducted by Bro. Budd on Friday evening and met with the believers in another hall on Lord's Day morning. It was a joy to minister the Word through interpretation. That afternoon we went on to Kobe and visited with a Japanese brother, Dr. Ishihama who suffered much during the war for the Lord's sake.

It seemed to us that there is much material prosperity in Japan. We could see less evidence of the ravages

of war than in Manila. But there is also great spiritual need and indifference. The work faces great problems in that land and should challenge us all to more prayer.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EUROPE

Bratislava JAN SIRACKY®—I had the joy to see souls saved lately. In one place seven confessed the Lord in baptism. In another seventeen. Of course there are others who have passed from death unto life through Christ. Week ago I spoke to a nice gathering at a funeral. Last Saturday to still larger company at a Christian wedding. The Lord gives always opportunities to speak the Word of life to some seeking souls.

MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA

Pueblo, Pue PAUL C. CLARKE®. Before I left for the U. S., I had the satisfaction of seeing the excavation for the baptismal tank completed. When we got down to solid rock, some of the brethren were for abandoning the project or for just having a shallow tank. But better judgment prevailed. We spent several days chiseling away through the rock until the desired depth was reached.

Two of those who expect to be baptized are an old lady and her daughter who have been very faithful in attendance at meetings for years. They live on the other side of the city from the hall and often do not have bus fare. They leave their home at 8:30 on Lord's day morning in order to be at the hall by ten. Only when the weather is bad do they travel by bus. The old lady also goes on Saturdays and

helps clean up the hall.

We have offered to pay her for this but she has refused. She desires to

serve the Lord in that manner. A few months ago, when four of our local believers went to Orizaba to be baptized, we invited the two women to go along. It was the first time they had ever witnessed a baptism. Then we had some ministry in the assembly on the subject of baptism. One night I felt led to preach on the text, "And now why tarriest thou? Arise and be baptized." These two sisters have asked to be baptized.

After serious consideration of the matter, I have felt it necessary to make a change in connection with the children's work. Since coming to Pueblo I have had a class for the boys and girls on Saturday afternoons. There has been good interest and we have been encouraged in this work, but the class has frequently had to be suspended when I was out of the city. I have decided to abandon this Saturday class and instead have the lesson for the children at the Sunday school hour.

So far our Sunday school has been such only in name. In reality it is a preaching service, with all the ministry directed at the adults. The poor little children have to sit through the service week after week, getting little, if anything, out of it. The American brethren in the meeting wanted to divide the group into classes and have a lesson for the children simultaneously with the lesson for the adults. But our leading Mexican brother would not hear of that. He insists that the children be present for the preaching. However, he is willing to divide the time so that there can be a special lesson for the children first, and then the preaching. For a while I shall plan to be in Pueblo every Lord's day to carry on the children's work, and I hope that

the Lord will raise up someone

to carry on the work when I cannot be there.

Sometimes one gets discouraged in the work and wonders if any progress is being made. But, looking back now over a year in the city of Pueblo, we can see that some ground has been gained. One of the things which is cause for much thanksgiving is the increasing harmony between the American and Mexican brethren in the assembly. There will continue to be, no doubt, differences of opinion but we pray that our Lord will enable us to maintain the unity of the Spirit in our little gathering.

MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA

Tehuacan RONALD HARRIS® — Last Sunday my uncle, Mr.

G. A. Wightman, and I had a happy day visiting some assemblies in the Northern part of the state of Pueblo. We left home early in the morning and drove a little over 100 miles to the first of these assemblies arriving there just in time for Sunday School which was followed by the Breaking of Bread. It was a real joy to us to see how well the brethren there were carrying on, working together nicely, and enjoying the Lord's blessing upon their testimony. After having our dinner with them we drove back along the highway for twenty miles and then branched off onto a sandy trail for some eight miles in order to visit another assembly in time for their afternoon meeting. This place has had very few visits from outside brethren and so we were given a warm welcome. The room used as a meeting place was well filled and the folks there listened eagerly as the Word was preached.

The folks in this village are poor in this world's goods and a very dry summer has hurt their crops but in spite of this they insisted on giving us

a large bag of apples which they could have sold for a good price in their market. After leaving this village we drove over some more dirt roads in order to arrive at a third village for the evening. A good number of folks gathered to hear the Gospel and it is always a joy to speak to an eager, attentive audience. After this meeting we began the long trip home; tired, but thankful for the opportunity to bring some help and encouragement to these brethren that are faithfully trying to serve the Lord.

We appreciate your prayers and interest and trust that you will continue to pray that the Lord will use us as His instrument to reach the lost and bring blessing to His own here in Mexico.

HONDURAS, CENTRAL AMERICA

Tela JOHN RUDDOCK® — We

had the joy of seeing a dear girl receive Christ as her Savior in the Gospel meeting in Tela while several here professed to be saved in Batan lately. We hope to have a baptism in Macico soon. The Lord has been working there, using a Honduran brother to spread the good news of Salvation in that village.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, N. AMER.

Oahu WILLIAM D. STOUT® —

Summer is ended! And with this comes many changes and decisions in the vineyard here. The work in Waipahu and Halawa is to be combined with that in Damon Tract. This will mean an extra burden of transportation. One bus to be sent to each of the locations Waipahu and Halawa. This has become necessary because of changing circumstances.

Palolo Valley, Damon Tract and Waipahu have formed the Christian Assembly Committee to purchase and hold the Damon Tract property from

James Sinclair. This was done through the building fund accumulated by gifts from the Lord's people. The group at Damon are to reestablish the building fund for future expanding of the work here in the islands at the minimum of \$30 per month. We will be moving to Damon Gospel Center as soon as satisfactory arrangements can be made. The Sinclairs have initiated the arrangements for a Kindergarten and we have been helping them build a class room, fences, painting, etc., in preparation for this. Kindly pray earnestly for the work here and this effort as there are many problems and expenses. A young Hawaiian Christian lady has offered her services to the Lord as the teacher.

The Recreation Center was a real problem. The first 1½ months were very discouraging. The first week I

sprained my ankle very severely. Also it seemed we could not get to the people not even for Sunday School. Finally it came to the place I got on my knees and told the Lord I must have made a mistake and did not know His will in the matter. The next day everything changed and that Sunday we had such a bus full there was hardly standing room, as there were 52. There has been quite an increase in both the Gospel on Tuesday and the Sunday School. One family drives from the other side of the island over the mountain range to come.

Only the
present generation of Christians
can carry the Gospel to the
present generation of mankind.



Sunday School and bus at Waipahu, Hawaii.

BAHAMAS, B. W. I.

Nassau Mrs. BEATRICE A. BERT-
RAM—I would like to tell you of a work that is going on to the glory of God on the Island of Exuma. Addington Taylor, who has been out in the work on these Islands for a number of years has written to me telling me of the work on a settlement called Forrest. There have been about a dozen saved, and now they have no place to meet as one of the churches where he preached the gospel opposed him when he started to teach church truth and now he is preaching in the open air. He asks for prayer. A native brother has given a piece of land, and the Christians will put up the building, which will be lime and limestone rocks which are plentiful, but they need lumber, etc. Do pray earnestly for them.

I have been asked to go to Spanish Wells to hold some sisters meetings. The last time I was there I spoke from the Song of Solomon.

Our brethren in Nassau expect to tear down our hall and build a new one, as the termites have made it unsafe.

CUBA, WEST INDIES

Pinar del Rio ARNOLD ADAMS® — Tom Smith and I have just come back from the tops of the mountains. That group of Christians down in Oriente wrote saying they would like to celebrate the Lord's Supper. So at our last workers' meeting the brethren were unanimous that Tom and I should go. It was both a physical as well as spiritual tonic. It was a steady climb on horseback of over four hours to about four thousand feet altitude where the hall is, along a steep and dangerous trail. The trails are all just a niche out of

the mountain side and a false step would certainly mean death. What chasms! But it was all a wonderful experience and very refreshing. I am very fond of the wilds, and believe me there's lots up there. But what a wonderful group of Christians, simple, sincere and completely devoid of the world's modern inventions. No radios, newspapers nor magazines.

The country had a minor revolution while we were up there but we knew nothing of it for four days and things were back to normal practically by then. We baptized nineteen in a little pool at the foot of a lovely thirty-foot waterfall between two hills. It was really beautiful. Then with others that were previously baptized thirty-two of us sat down to remember the Lord in the gospel hall among the clouds—mud floor, thatched roof, but jasmin wood walls an inch thick and hand sawn. Tom and I slept in a little room at the back of the hall. Rats kept us awake on and off all night, every night. Everybody was surprised at the climbing Tom did—everything, everywhere is either up or down and often down is as difficult as the up.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, W. I.

Puerto Plata DUNCAN M. REID® — At Tubagua, about 20 miles from Puerto Plata, there is a very encouraging work going on and recently eight have accepted the Lord as Savior. The Christians meet together every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday and we go out and help them as much as possible. Last week I had a meeting there and there were more than eighty packed into the little hall. On Sunday nights they listen to our radio service from Puerto Plata and are able to join in the singing of the hymns, etc., then they hear the mes-

sage from the radio. While they cannot see the preacher they can hear him just as clearly as though they were sitting in the hall at Puerto Plata.

We continue our regular broadcasts of the gospel in Spanish and while we do not make any appeals for financial help, the Lord has enabled us to carry on this service for nearly sixteen years in spite of ever increasing costs. Last week we had a letter from one of our young Christians who was spending a holiday with her family in the country and she says she heard all the services clearly. It was the first time she had had the opportunity of listening to our radio services and she seems to be quite impressed as she has realized the importance of these broadcasts in reaching people living in these isolated country places.

Last week we heard, too, of a missionary in Colombia who has been listening to and enjoying our broadcasts. His sister called on us the other day to give us this news and it was not only an unexpected report, but one which brought us great joy and I am sure it must be an encouragement to you who have supported this special effort. During the years we have been broadcasting, we have received a number of reports from Colombia. As you may know there are a great many restrictions and a great deal of opposition in that country to gospel work, so it is good to know that we are getting the message of the gospel into the homes of the people even in Colombia. What wonderful possibilities there are in this radio work and we feel it is one worthy of your hearty support and prayerful interest.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, W. I.

Ciudad Trujillo Miss EVA RUSSELL—Last week the DVBS classes finished for another year and the attendance and meetings were

good. What a difference in the number of workers in comparison to seven years ago when we had the first DVB School in the Capital. Mrs. Rathie had very few helpers that year. So, we pray that there may continue to be seen His blessing on the work here. Also remember in prayer the women's classes organized by Mrs. Rathie and Miss House; also the visiting in homes and in hospitals; and the dear Christians who so faithfully seek to be used of Him, so many with hardly anything of this world to make life pleasant.

It is good to see the interest in the various meetings also in the weekday and Sunday classes. Only as the Holy Spirit works in the hearts of hearers and speakers will there be fruit for eternity and so remember in prayer Mr. Rathie and the young men in connection with the meetings; the radio and printing work; the procuring of tracts and other literature which has been a blessing to a number. Right now next year's Daily Meditation calendar is being printed and so ask prayer that this may be blessed of the Lord to each one who receives same; and guidance re. the preparation of the next year's D. V.

ARGENTINA, SOUTH AMERICA

S. S. de Jujuy HERBERT A. GERRARD[®]. Our brother Antonio Parisi and I are planning to leave on Tuesday morning for an extensive trip in the car, which we expect will take us a full three weeks. Our object is to visit as many Christians and groups as possible, and since don Antonio is colporteur for the Bible Society, he hopes to place many Scriptures. He has a remarkable gift for this work, and for personal work connected with this.

Please pray for us.

The work on our new hall at Perico

is going ahead nicely but is still lacking quite a lot before being finished. Last Thursday was a public holiday here in the city, so a large group of young people from the congregation took advantage of the fact to go to Perico and help with the work of the building. They got through quite a lot of work that day, which was a real help, but the best feature of it was that it was a powerful testimony in the village to see so many young people working all day there gratuitously, out of love for the Lord.

ARGENTINA, SOUTH AMERICA

Jujuy Miss CONSTANCE H. PAYNE—I am in Salta

again for some weeks to help in preparations for the Annual Conference here, and to stay with Mrs. Tremlett while her husband is so busy. Some have been received for baptism and will obey the Lord in this way on Sept. 10. Conference commences on the 12th, and lasts for four days. We are praying that God may send His servants who minister, with suitable messages for those who attend.

So many from isolated districts attend the conference for it is their only opportunity of fellowship with other Christians. There are three meetings daily of two hours duration, and in between times these dear people try to learn new hymns and choruses to take home with them. They can be excused if they do not learn them well, and one can hear all sorts of mistakes when we all sing together. It is something to praise God for when we think that before they were saved they lived for the feast days when much time was spent in revelry, drunkenness and immorality. Now they have been lifted out of the mire, their feet set upon The Rock, and their mouth filled with praise to God.

ARGENTINA, SOUTH AMERICA

La Rioja WALTER ISMAY®—In my wife's absence Mrs. MacLachlan de Ramirez is giving valuable help in the different meetings and in the home.

Satan has been very active of late keeping the Christians from coming to meetings, but it is a joy to see several coming on nicely, whom we hope will be helpers in the work. A young man has started giving a little word in the meetings, the only local help with the preaching at present. We covet your prayers for the father of a family, that he may be converted. He has been coming to meetings for a long time.

CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA

Talca RICHARD HANNA®.

While continuing our study of the language we find that there are many ways by which we can help in the work here. Tract distribution is one which can be done when accompanied by some of the young brethren of the Assembly. Different districts of the city of Talca have been systematically visited, usually on Lord's day afternoons, and many thousands of tracts have been handed to the people in their homes. These are very well received and most of them are read. We know this because sometimes we have to return along a street where tracts have been given out and the people can be seen sitting in their homes or at their doors reading them. Sometimes some of the people will ask for more of a different kind so we are pleased to give them others. While some of us go from door to door, brother McBride and one of the young brethren give short gospel messages over the P. A. system, and this attracts many to their doors. We pray that the Lord will bless this sowing

of the Good Seed of the Word of God.

At the beginning of July, brother McBride and I went to visit in the town of Constitucion for a couple of days. During the day we distributed tracts in the streets and did some visiting, then in the evening there was a meeting in the home of one of the Christians, and I gave a short message in the Gospel, this being the first time that I had done this in Spanish. The experience was strange but the Lord gave special help and we were pleased to at last have made a start. We look to Him for help and grace to continue.

CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA

Talca WILLIAM M. McBRIDE®—

Just a month ago I greatly enjoyed a two week visit with the Parada family and the assembly in the port of Valparaiso. Good numbers of unsaved strangers attended the nightly meetings, showing real interest in the message of salvation, and we have cause to believe that perhaps two of these were saved. A recent letter from brother Parada tells of other who continue to attend all the meetings so we trust that further blessing is in store.

After the meetings in the port brother Parada and I got away for a short visit to the towns of Los Andes, San Felipe and Quillota. In the former place we enjoyed a couple of days with Charles and Ina McKinnie, and with them went to nearby San Felipe where we held two meetings with good attendance. Approximately a year ago a brother from Valparaiso moved to San Felipe for business reasons, and began to testify for the Lord among his assistants in his tailor shop. God has blessed such efforts, and along with brother McKinnie this Christian has continued to see souls saved and others interested. They have rented a very well located little

hall where our hearts were gladdened to see nearly thirty-five adults listening to the Word of God.

Work on our new hall is progressing nicely and this week plastering has been started so in another two or three weeks we shall have to get busy laying the floor. Doors and windows are ready to be installed, but other outside jobs must wait awhile longer as the winter rains seem loath to leave us, and even today it is pouring heavily.

ECUADOR, SOUTH AMERICA

San Miguel MISS DOROTHY JONES —

We rejoice in the Lord in the blessings that He has showered on the school here in San Miguel. I believe that I wrote you before school started that the Lord had given us a Christian teacher, but at the last minute she was unable to come, so the girl who finished up the year for us last year came back this year and the Lord has gloriously saved her, for which we are very thankful. When the government inspector came out he was very pleased with the school and we are thankful for that, as it is my opinion that whatever we do for the Lord should be done the very best possible.

On August 9 all the schools in this zone met in Santo Domingo for a parade, all the children in their uniforms, and our school was the talk of the town with our little Indian boy in his native dress carrying the flag. They even put a picture of our school in the Quito paper. We praise the Lord in that this was a definite help to His cause here in our area, but more than that, it is my earnest prayer that something of His Word will really reach home to their hearts and bring them to a certain knowledge of our Lord and Savior, that they might receive Him and stand firm for Him.

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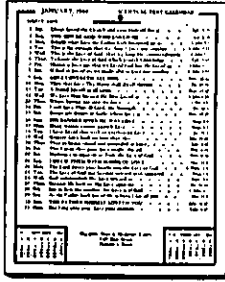
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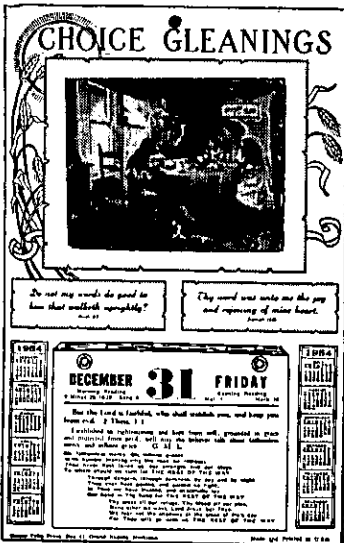
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