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PURPOSE

This publication is dedicated to the mission of conveying to Davidian present truth believers, edifying news and articles of timely significance. This comforter freely gives its time to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation, and neither collects fees nor charges for its service.

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Mt. Carmel Center

Waco, Texas

PREPARING FOR ALL-OUT EFFORT

The Hunting Campaign launched last year initiated and heralded a new electrifying and progressive advancement of present Truth.

Now again, with even greater emphasis toward reaching her goal, Mount Carmel Center makes the following announcement to all faithful Davidians who will realize that this good news is perhaps nothing short of a sign. Mount Carmel Center, by commencing to first sell its excess property, the whole is symbolically leading the way to the program that is outlined by the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, in the words:

“ Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found , he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath and buyeth that field.” Matthew 13:44, The Lord himself is leading the way.

“ ...Jesus has made it possible for you to accept His love, and in happy co-operation with Him to work under its fragrant influence. HE requires you to use your possessions in unselfish service, that His plan for the salvation of souls shall be carried forward with power. He expects you to give your undivided energies to His work.

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“ Would you make your property secure? Place it in the hands that bears the nail-print of the crucifixion. Retain it in your possession, and it will be your eternal loss. Give it to God, and from that moment it bears His inscription. It is sealed with His immutability. Would . Would you enjoy your substance? Then use it for the blessing of the suffering.” –“ Testimonies, “Vol. 9. pages 50,51.

“ I saw that if any held on their property, and did not inquire of the Lord as to their duty, He would not make duty known, and they would be permitted to keep their property , and in the time of trouble it would come up before them like a mountain to crush them, and they would try to dispose of it, but would not be able. I heard some mourn like this: ‘ The cause was languishing, God’s people were starving for the truth, and we made no effort to supply the lack; now our property is useless. Oh, that we had let it go, and laid up treasure in heaven!’ I saw that a sacrifice did not increase, but it decreased ad was consumed, I also saw that God had not required all of His people to dispose off their property at the same time, but they desired to be taught, He would teach them, in a time of need, when to sell and how much to sell. Some have been required to dispose of their property in times past to sustain the advent cause, while others have been permitted to keep theirs until a time of need, Then, as the cause needs it, their duty is to sell”-“ *Early Writings,*” page 57

FEAR OF LIGHT REAL TRAGEDY

“Spiritual prosperity is closely bound up with Christian liberality. The followers of Christ should rejoice in the privilege of revealing in their lives the beneficence of their Redeemer. As they give the Lord, they have the assurance that their treasure is going before them to the heavenly courts. Would men make their property secure? Let them place it in the hands that bear the marks of the crucifixion.”-
“Acts of the Apostles,” pages 344, 345.

We see each passing day more and more that God requires His people to gladly support His cause. First by their tithes and offerings, (Malachi 3:8-10), and at last by selling all, if they would enter into life eternal. He who takes part in the first of His requirements, will at last with joy go all the way by selling all when God gives the command. Thus only may he joyfully buy the “field” with the great “treasure.”

It now becomes very obvious that the time is short, the he who would be ready for the “great super” and for his eternal home, will have his eyes open to truth and his heart set on his eternal welfare. God will direct him day by day.

Certainly then this move could be a signpost to both Davidians and to Laodiceans that the eleventh-hour message is on the very verge of a final and all-out effort to reclaim the church from the hands of the Enemy.

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Be it, therefore, known that part of Mount Carmel property is being subdivided for high class residences beginning at the old peach orchard near the Mount Carmel entrance.

The wise do not consider it a gamble to sell all they have in order to make the kingdom their own. They know that they are getting a bargain, that such an investment will make them rich. Both the man that bought the “field” containing the great “treasure,” and the man who bought the “pearl of great price” sold everything they had in order to close deals. But even though it took everything, they both had enough to buy what they had set their hearts on.

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Then who knows, but the Lord, that this heart stirring example may soon turn into a sounding alarm and be followed by every faithful Davidian believer throughout the land. Even now, the Lord’s example to raise funds by disposing of His possessions, is a loud cry to every Davidian to awake to the fact that he in privileged to join the campaign with faithful tithe and offering at first, and at last to swell the funds by giving everything so that the work may be finished and the saints be gathered home!

“We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark. The real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the Light. – Selected.” This quotation from the “Review and Herald” of August 12 1854, p. 15, contains more truth than fiction

In view of the obstinate fearfulness of the Seventh-day Adventist ministry toward the “shepherd’s Rod message we may well paraphrase the statement to read: “we can easily forgive a layman who is afraid of dark. The real tragedy of life is that the ministries are afraid of the Light.”

Now, if the leading brethren would only make a practical application of this statement by ceasing to “beat the air” in their fight against the “Shepherd’s Rod” message and stop blocking the way to keep the laity from studying the additional Light to the Church, how quickly the atmosphere of “fear of being deceived” and “watch out for the Rod” would disappear from the whole Church reform.

We can be grateful to the Lord that He is now using His eleventh-hour servants to penetrate the obstructive walls of fear, prejudice and self-complacency. All are being given an opportunity to either stick with, to their eternal loss, the fear-mongering “bugaboo” warnings against the Lord’s “Rod” (Mic. 6:9) or fearlessly embrace the additional Light regardless of reproach or inconvenience.

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INTERVIEW WITH FIELD WORKER REVEALS ADVANCEMENT— WITH OBSTACLES TO OVERCOME

One of the field workers, who recently returned to Mount Carmel after five months of survey travel, has consented to give us a condensed idea of the “pulse rate” of the church in general attitude being that: “The message, their general attitude being that : “The General Conference has investigated and found error and these men who are smarter than I am should be able to recognize error.” However, the ministry was not complacent but greatly concerned over the inroads the “Rod” message is making among the S.D.A. laity-bewailing the fact: “That the ‘Rod’ is captivating some of our best members, those who are students of the Bible.”

The ministry were consistent in parroting the Adam’s brochure that the “Rod” was teaching “The Seventh-day Adventist church is Babylon.” When confronted with the questions of whether they would kindly show where in the “Rod” message this statement is found they passed the stereotyped answers that “Just off hand I can’t point it out, “ or “I’ll have to brush up a little more on that subject,” or I have to brush up a little more on that subject,” or “I have an important appointment now,” or some other excuse.

YOUR NEED FOR CERTIFICATE OF FELLOWSHIP

All Davidians whose certificate of fellowship has promptly expired are requested to promptly communicate their desire for renewal of the same.

Those who have recently accepted the Davidian Truth and are supporting the timely message and living out its principles, should request the Davidian Association to send them an application blank for fellowship. A certificate of fellowship will be granted upon satisfactorily filling out the application.

The applicant must be striving to be an overcomer- to be freed from sin, to keep the Truth, and to continue in the race; striving not to fall, but resolving, in case he should fall, to rise again and to press on more determined than ever to reach the goal. He must be able thus conscientiously to sign the application for fellowship.

If the applicant is unable to comply in full with all the requirements of the Message, then to his application he must attach a satisfactory statement of explanation.

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THE MAIL BAG

Excerpts from letters



“Dear brother and Sister Houteff:

“ I went to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and got there a few minutes before services. The sermon was about the most rebuking I ever heard. Elder ----- apologized for having to be so plain, as he worked it, but said the condition of the church here was alarming and not only here in----- but elsewhere, that the church must be asleep, unwilling to give up tobacco, coffee, theaters, funny papers, jewelry, worldly dress and fashions, pork and ham, dances, etc., and that there had to be a change lest many lose out.

“ His text was on: The Pearl of great Price.’ Several weeks ago he preached on the (September, 1954)

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When this field worker asked one minister if he believed the Seventh-day Adventist church was the Laodicean church spoken of in Revelation 3:14, he answered in the affirmative. Then he was asked who the “angel” of this church represented. The minister said the “angel” represented Christ. Then the field worker asked him if he was willing to apply to Christ the description the description of being wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked given to this “angel” in the book of Revelation. He still insisted the “angel” was Christ, closing his eyes to the truth that the “angel” represents the present day Seventh-day Adventist church leadership. Apparently he would rather have Christ wrong than himself.

Another minister indulging a “holier than thou art” attitude claimed “that a man at Waco” has no education. When asked how much formal education sister White had, and if she was not used mightily by God, he had no ready answer and could pursue no other course than to change the subject.

In dealing with the laity it was found, generally speaking, that those in the smaller churches were more cordial and receptive than those in the larger congregations. Since the ministry is not at an receptive to the additional Truth, whereas a fairly good percentage of the laity are, this shows that the eyes of all the people have not been closed.

The biggest stumbling block to the laity

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studying the Message was in the fact that many of the laity were permitting the ministry to do their thinking for them and were making walking and talking idols out of the ministers.

Those who are accepting the Message report that they are enlightened on the Scripture as never before. Furthermore, they enlightened on the Scriptures as never before. Furthermore, they assert that the Message has given them fresh zeal and determination to come up on all points themselves and to spread the good tidings of the Kingdom to their brethren.

Although the purpose of this five-month survey was primarily for investigative purposes to obtain “the lay of the land” (church), at the same time we can with joy report that there were decisions made for Christ and for His additional Message to the Laodiceans.

The field worker, who received this cross section view of the reactions of the church, is convinced that God will have 144,000 first fruits from His church for His Kingdom. Moreover, the promises of His Kingdom. Moreover fail to materialize; the promises of His Word never fail to materialize; they are all sure.

Need of a change of heart, a new heart , so I have written several letters, I am mailing the letters to several Seventh-day Adventist members, relative to his sermon on the need of a new and change of heart and referred the to Ezekiel 36:22 to 28- when, where, and how we get that change of heart. I am also quoting Sister White from 'testimonies, Vol. 7, page 17, on her unfinished work in the kingdom and referring them to Daniel 12:1-3, the special resurrection.

“ Now I want to brief my text letter to the members around today’s sermon on the alarming condition of the Seventh-day Adventist church and refer them to Ezekiel 9 and our final cleansing in the Kingdom.

“ It seems like the Seventh-day Adventist Elders are rebuking the churches for their alarming condition and blaming the laity., but have no solution.

“ I gave Sister ----- my copy of your letter which was written with my 1950 Certificate of fellowship. I can read that letter every day and find new courage and help in my daily devotions and my prayer is that I be faithful and live up to all the admonition in that letter, then I will be sure of a home in God’s kingdom.

Sincerely, “
Alabama

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“ Dear Brethern:

“Sabbath morning we went to church in-----, after several weeks of visiting the other churches in this area. Elder ---- -- presented last week. The intention was the same (to refute the ‘Rod’), but the interpretation was surely different. He told the people that we teach the church is Babylon and that and the judgment of the Living began in 1929. After service ----- corrected him on these points, as we were going out the vestibule. This made some of the people angry. One brother clinched his fist and his teeth and told ----- that if he weren’t a Christian he would punch him in the nose! He ground his teeth into the ground and said, ‘I’d like to grind you into the dirt with my feet.’ This episode amused Elder ----- highly.

A Hunter”
Pennsylvania

“Dear Brethren:

“A few weeks ago at camp meeting in South Lancaster, Mass., I spoke to quite a number of church members about the ‘Rod’ message and passed out a good number of tracts. Elder ----- threatened to have the police remove me from the camp ground, but I persuaded him not to. We caused no disturbance whatever. I explained to Elder ----- that I had discussed to Elder ----- that I had discussed the Bible.

And the “Testimonies” and gave tracts to those who would accept them. I then asked if he believed in practicing religious liberty.”

Massachusetts.

“Dear Brothers and sisters:

“Sisters ----- and I returned after 39 days on a Missionary trip. The Lord surely was with us, protecting us , and His Holy Spirit impressed hearts with the Truth for this time without which all our words would have been sounding brass and tinkling symbols.

“We took God at his Word, if you go right to work in the name of the Lord in a humble way doing what you can to teach the truth, God will vindicate you’ and ‘everyone is required to work to the extent of his ability. Every worldly consideration should be laid aside for the glory of God.’

“ Of course it was a sacrifice on our part and also on my husband’s part for he batched while I was gone and worked every day and others sacrificed something also. Some of our good brothers and sisters filled our tank with gasoline while others gave us cash which we only used for expenses while we were gone.

“ We had many interesting experiences and gave 42 studies while gone. It is not always pleasing to ourselves to live in other homes

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But our Lord left, his home in Glory and came down and lived with the people where he found them. I know He often must have been homesick for home but he could not go back until the supreme price was paid. How dare we think of our convenience at a time lie this!

“We encouraged all present Truth believers to send in their first and second tithes, and get their certificate of fellowship and start studying the home Bible doctrine course and fit themselves to help to finish our job.

“ I will close and I pray we may each be found doing what he wants us to when He comes to make up jewels.

Your sister in
Present Truth,”
Wyoming

“dear Friends:

“I have been studying with one of your workers for sometime. I enjoy these studies very much, and I am very thankful that I was not one who closed my door on this wonderful message.

“ I have seen your side of the picture and I have also seen the side which most of the ministers believe and I am very sure that your message is of God. I therefore believe that

My tithe and offerings should be used to speed this message so I am enclosing -----.

“may the Lord’s blessings be with you.

Yours in Christ, “
Pennsylvania

(Editor’s Note: the following encouraging communications are excerpts from letters which were received from foreign lands.)

“Mr. V. T Houteff
Mount Carmel Center
Waco, Texas

Dear Sir:

“With much pleasure I write this letter to you. I went to ---- and there I found many S.D.A.’s. I stayed with them three weeks preaching unto them about the message of the Eleventh Hour. I’m telling the truth, the whole church believed because I brought them new interpretation. I have names and addresses of some. Send them tracts. Please try to help these thirsting souls. In ----- they are still calling me to go and help them.

“we shall not perish because in the midst of the brethren, God raised a wonderful prophet to show the house of Judah their transgression and the house of Jacob their sins. Isaiah 58:1.

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“Send me lectures. Send the light here in Africa. Come over and help us. I want to do the work in God’s vineyard.

Your faithful servant”
Africa

“Sir:

“I have the honor to announce to you that for some months I have been registered for your Bible Correspondence course. (NOTE: apparently meaning he has been on the mailing list.) I will explain to you that I do not know the English language, but all the same you have sent some English lessons. The arrival of these lessons caused great impediment to the spiritual advantage. I am going to find your former student to give me some explanation, but that will not be sufficient since this lack will still keep me from getting a good understanding of the light that shines from the Holy Writings.

“I am certain and sure that for a single sinner living upon the earth Jesus Christ would still have abandoned His glory and come upon the earth to give His life as a ransom for that one.

“ So I beg of you to be good enough to go to the trouble of getting the lessons or books by Minister Houteff in French. I say this because the good Lord did not send the Light only to the English but for all the world.

“ After having received this letter, your favorable response in the first or second mail will cause me much joy.

Very truly yours,”
Africa

“Dear brethren:

“ we learned that Elder ----- is on the island. He is going around the island showing films of Sister White and her works. The main burden of his visit though, is to warn men and women against the ‘Shepherd’s Rod message. When we heard that he was going to be present at this church on Wednesday night, we decided to attend also.

“After his opening remarks, the district pastor told the people he wanted to introduce two other leaders who were present also. Then he asked -----and ----- to stand. We just remained seated as though we were glued on the bench. When he saw this he became angry. He told them that we are “Shepherd’s Rod” leaders

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And he wanted all of them to know us. He pointed to us and told them that we were sitting near to Sister-----. Everybody exclaimed and looked around

“After the meeting we went up to speak with Elder-----. He started to tell us how we were in error. We told him that he had taken statements out of their context and read them to the people. He said that’s what the statement say. I replied by saying they were unlawfully taken out of their context. I told him that the denomination’s trouble was not with your statements but with reconciling Sister White’s statements with the Bible. I told him that the end of probationary time did not bring the end of probationary time. He just looked at me and said nothing. When I asked him if the end of the world means the last split second when Jesus comes, he tried to dodge it.

“he told me that I would have to acknowledge that the main theme of our teachings is the literal slaughter of Ezekiel 9 and then the loud cry of the third angels’ message. I gave him quotations to explain: ‘testimonies,’ Vol. 5, p. 212, and Early Writings,’ p. 85. He said that was easy. One was a troublous time and the other a tin=me of trouble when the seven last plagues are poured out. He really began to play upon the words. Then I told him clearly, emphatically, and boldly: ‘Look here Elder---, we are not learned and educated , nor do we play upon words. We have a clear and dis-

tinct message of the church. It's the slaughter of Ezekiel 9 and the Loud cry of the third angel's message. We can sustain our points from the Holy Word of God and the 'Testimonies.' And we want you to know that whether you brethren hear or forbear, we are going to give the message to the laity.' All the local men who were present looked astonished and surprised. They wondered that we two young girls were able to speak to him in the way we did. Many of them think he is sacred and holy. They regard him with great awe and reverence.

“ By thus time ----- had the ‘*Testimonies to ministers,*’ pp. 475, 476. She asked him to explain it an to convince us that Sister White was the Elijah. He took it and read it aloud all the paragraphs. He was just beginning to play upon words again when I insisted that he tell us of one scripture Sister White interpreted about the great ad dreadful day of the Lord. He turned and twisted, and fidgeted, and finally said she has had a great light on certain Scriptures. I told him that was not the point. I did not want to know whether or not she has had a great light on the scriptures, all I want to know was wethere she had brought light on the scriptures about the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

“ There was a few present , and if any of them were honest hearted and fair minded, I'm sure they'd have seen the Truth that night.

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We didn't reach home that night till nearly midnight.'

Trinidad

“ Dear Sir:

“I am in receipt of your esteemed favour and the contents therein were paragraphically gone through. I was very glad when I received your letter and I want you to add my name on your mailing list.

“ I was one of the members of the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence courses taken at Ibadan, and furthermore I have received their certificate in Bible and they were the party who directed me to you.

Yours sincerely
to walk in the Light
to the Holy City, “
Nigeria

FOREIGN BELIEF

Requests are continuing to come, especially from the foreign fields, for suitable clothing and shoes for our brethren.

All the articles sent to Mount Carmel Center should be in a clean, orderly condition and so worn out that It would be a waste of postage to re-ship the same to our brethren. The clothes and shoes should also conform with Davidian dress standards.

Ship in secure well- bound boxes to: The Universal Publishing Assn., Mt Carmel Center Waco, Texas

WELCOME THE SYMBOLIC CODE

The readers of “The symbolic Code” will be pleased to see “The Code back in print again. In 1943, its place was taken by other publications, and now we are glad to welcome “The Code” back.

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**HISTORY FROM
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TO
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HISTORY DAY AT MOUNT CARMEL

Each October 25, Mt. Carmel pauses from its work while residents and visitors for the occasion gather in the Chapel to hear read the most significant developments in the work and among Davidians both on Carmel and afield, and to enjoy and accompanying program. This is History Day or the beginning of days at Mt. Carmel. As such it is appropriately known as the Days of Days.

Although only a relative few visiting Davidians were able to present for the Day this past October 25, we know that all would dearly have liked to be. So it has seemed good to make the most interesting and edifying part of the history available to all in this Special issue of the Code.

HISTORY FOR DAVIDIANS

October 26, 1953 to October 24, 1954.

Once again we stand at the threshold of the beginning of Days, solemnly looking back in perspective upon what we have been hopefully looking forward in vision to what we may become. Day of reckoning that it is, yet of thanksgiving to God for His love and mercies, and of rejoicing hope and faith for victorious, redemptive progress ahead- truly it is our day of days. God grant that, of all so far, this may be the most memorable- the most inspiring.

Though each passing year has brought its swift successions of events of present and historical significance, certainly none more that that now spending has packed its months with soul stirring news and action to every Davidian, impressing all with the lateness of the hour in which we live; with the urgency of the task before us; and with the consequent gravity of our responsibility and duty before God and man.

And now as in retrospect we come again down from the event-filled way of '54, moving along from milepost to milepost, let us lay well to heart the solemn lessons the record holds for us. May our mistakes and our misdoings the past year monitor for us a right course in the months to come, and may the great love of God so manifest

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In His many mercies and blessings upon us, grip our hearts with a great gratitude and fill us with new faith and courage to meet tomorrow and tomorrow – triumphantly!

During an entire week in November, a special series of meetings, with Bro. Oliver hemanson in charge, were held by the active Hunters on short leave from the field.

Principally for the benefit of ministerial students and prospective Hunters, these sessions were designed to give them practical demonstrations of how to overcome some of the obstacles in approach, tactics, and special objections which are encountered in the field. Through trial and error, much valuable experience was gained in the filed work by the early Hunters. This practical knowledge was passed on to those who were soon to follow in the hunting campaign.

The highlight of this educational series was an unexpected address by Brother V.T. Houteff, who spoke to the gathering for about forty-five minutes on November 26. The text of this address is now incorporated in #9 of the Jezreel letter series.

Out in the Caribbean, the five-and-one-half month effort on the island of Grenada the spice island of the West, came to its gratifying conclusion November 10, with Brethern Simmons and Bingham going on to St. Lucia and with Sisters Rohoman and Loge going to Trinidad to start the hunting there.

It was while conducting hall and street meetings in the islands of Grenada and St. Lucia that brother Bingham found, from the hundreds of Catholics and Anglicans who eagerly crowded in to hear, that there is power in the Message to reach the multitudes of Babylon. On both islands these second- fruits souls begged him to stay and teach them. Truly the harvest is ripe.

In Compton, California, Paul Philips, who is now a full-time ministerial student, then as a new believer wrote asking Mount Carmel's opinion in his writing to all his relatives and the Seventh Adventist friends about importance of this movement. He showed his zeal and determination, as a young man who and just accepted the message, by sending in a second large list of Seventh-day Adventist names.

In the East, Elder C-----, who is bitterly opposed to the Rod, said that Davidians were buying and selling souls, and that therefore they should be driven out of the church as Christ drove out the money changers!!

Several weddings took place in Mt. Carmel's Chapel during the year. The preface to the ceremony which was used for the last two and which may become the model for future weddings is as follows:

“Since marriage is in reality an extension of creation, the means of upbuilding the Kingdom of God, it must be entered into intelligently and in the fear of the Lord if it is to have God's.

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Blessing and if the home is to proper. A present- Truth believer who enters upon marriage for any reason other than God's reason, or for a purpose irrelevant to His business, is sure to fail in one respect or another. It is therefore exceedingly important that the officiating minister make certain that the individuals who seek the rite of marriage are intelligently and in the fear of God venturing life together.

“ Even the Civil authorities recognize that premature marriages are inadvisable, and for that very reason the state governments are of God (Rom. 13:1-3), who then dare not seriously take this to heart? It is therefore the minister's duty, when he is requested to perform a marriage ceremony, first to investigate the marriage eligibility of individuals involved. No Davidian minister is authorized to perform any marriage except both parties to the part be Davidians, and after the woman has reached her eighteenth year of life, and the man his twenty-first year of life-government approved ages of maturity- and only after proper preparation for married life has been made by both parties, as outlined in the Answerer, Book No. 3, pp. 79-86 and , as outlined in the Answerer, Book No. 3, pp. 79-86 and The Answerer No. 4, pp. 69-78.”

During the week ending February 20, the postal inspector of Salem, Alabama, requested the Mt Carmel Office to send him the names of all our

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Contacts in that area. The inspector discovered an appointment card with defamatory remarks addressed to a Hunter, and he wanted to find out who wrote on the card and to warn the offender of his illegal use of it.

As Brother Bingham was unable to remain in the Bahamas (Brother Holme's native land) until the hunting job was finished there, Brother Warden's transportation from Mt. Carmel to Nassau and back if he would go there with his car. So arrangements were made for brother Warden to go, and he left on February 28, where he remained until April 30. Through this combined effort more than a dozen souls embraced the Truth.

Brother Bingham returned to the States in February after spending one year to the day in British Guiana and the British West Indies, where about 40 Seventh-day Adventists took their stand for the Davidian message.

Early in March, Brother Nobrega arrived at Mt. Carmel from Portugal, and told of the encouraging progress of the Message in hat country.

As the expansion of the work necessitated more office space, March 23 became a moving day. The Correspondence department moved over to the northeast end. Much of the Mercantile stock was removed to store rooms in other buildings to make more room for all these departments. With this move completed and the floors repolished, the office was far more attractive.

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Brother and Sister John C. Campbell left for Salem, South Carolina, in the latter part of April to take administrative charge of the Davidian rest Home there.

Brother Samuel Mambu of Indonesia, our Davidian representative there, was married May 6, to Sister Mary Buwalda, who is a worker in the Seventh-day Adventist Conference there. Sr. Mambu applied for a certificate of fellowship with the Davidian Seventh-day Adventists and was disfellowshipped from the mother church, though not discharged from her position.

In the Dominican Republic, Brother Willmore began to launch a one-man hunting campaign during the week of May 22. Thus it is that the message spreads from place to place and from island to island.

Word was received from, New Orleans that the members of the colored Seventh-day Adventist church received a shock on a Sabbath morning in April when they learned that their church treasurer had stock share in an Insurance Company, and the members had to pool \$4,000 to pay off a debt they knew nothing about! And still the Denomination cannot see that it is indeed badly infiltrated with “strangers.”

A Seventh Day Adventist brother from Litchfield, Maine, wrote in an experience he had with the Northern New England Conference men and wanted our advice. Incidentally this was our first time hearing from him, showing that there

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are many who have not fully made up their minds, but who have more confidence in the Davidians than in the Denomination. Here follows his unfortunate experience with the Denomination: They agreed that if he willed everything he had to the Conference, they would take care of his burial expense and provide him a monument. Later, though, they gave him a receipt to sign for the monument, and left him a copy. He had signed it in confidence, but after they left, he examined it more closely. Later he discovered, he wrote, that it was not payable on demand!

On May 29, a special meeting was held in Salem Carolina, for field workers and Davidians in that area. It was held shortly before the field workers left for Pennsylvania and other eastern points. Davidians came from considerable distances to attend, and recordings were made of the meetings. According to the recordings and other reports, we have learned that the gathering was profitable and especially for those in Salem, among whom a long-standing and grievous misunderstanding over the Rest Home had just before the meetings been ironed out.

By the efforts of two young ladies, Jemmy Rohoman and Beulah Logie, the first Davidian company was established in Cumana, Trinidad. In July, officers of the newly organized group were elected.

Now these two "Ruhama hunters" are busily and courageously engaged in strengthening and expanding the work in Trinidad, as is evidenced

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by the following letter written by Sisiter Logie:

"We are continuing to hold the fort here, and through the Holy Spirit's guidance, we are daily receiving strength from on high to stand against the fiery darts of the evil one.

In spite of the working of the enemy all around us, we are glad to state that everywhere God's honest sheep are hearing His voice, the Rod (Mic. 6: 9).

"The battle is rating more and more against us here, as the leading brethren and church members are getting to realize that they are not merely fighting against two young ladies who might appear very small in their eyes, but rather against God's Truth and his judgment message to the people of God at this time.

"The more we are misjudged, and the more evil that is spoken of us and our work falsely, the more evidence we have that this work is of God and will triumph in the end.

"The Lord has been surely good to us during our stay here, and through His help we have been able to give the Message to hundreds of Adventists, and have distributed thousands of pieces of literature.

"The Shepherd's Rod message is now confronting every S.D.A. in Trinidad, and little light-houses are now set up in different parts of the island.

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"It is our sincere hope that you and the other brethren will continue to remember us before the throne of grace, as the harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers few."

Still ringing in the ears of Mt. Carmel was the starting announcement in July, telling of the beginning of the sale of Mt. Carmel property and of the preparation for an all-out effort to recapture the Church from the hands of the Enemy.

It was brought to our attention that with every passing hour it is being made clearer to all Davidians that the Lord expects His people gladly to support His cause, first by their tithes and offerings, and then by selling all, if they would enter into life eternal. It was stated that he who faithfully meets the first of His requirement, tithes and offerings, will at last, with joy, go all the way by selling all when God gives the command. Thus may he joyfully buy the field with great treasure.

The sale of Mt. Carmel property was pictured as being a move that should awaken all to the fact that the eleventh-hour Message is on the very verge of a final and all out effort to reclaim the Church from the hands of the tare-sower.

This announcement was carried to the field in printed form by The Symbolic Code. Thus again the Code had an important role to execute in carrying this and other vital news to Davidians world-wide.

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The Code has not been in print for eleven years, its place having been temporarily filled by other publications. The first issue, dated September, 1954, Vol. 10, No. 1, was welcomed by all Davidians far and near, and as it rolled from the presses to the Post Office, and finally into the homes of the people, it was found to contain timely articles of specific and general interest, along with a lively mail-bag department.

On August 11 the clearing and landscaping of the new sub-division- the old peach orchard near the entrance to Mt. Carmel- got underway. The name of the first street, Charboneau Drive., is in commemoration of Sister Hermanson's mother, Sister Florence Charboneau, who not only was the first of the pioneer believers but also the first treasurer of the Association of Davidian Seventh-day Adventists; likewise of the first group to come to Mt. Carmel, as well as the first to be laid to rest in Mt. Carmel's Memorial Park.

The other streets may be named after the first twelve pioneers and the others lying at rest with Sister Charboneau.

On August 19, the name "Lake Shore Hills" was selected from among a number of names submitted for the new sub-division. The main entrance road was named Mt. Carmel Boulevard.

This select residential addition, opened up by Brothers Fayne and Vaughn Worth, is already the cite of nine attractive homes, representing attractive homes, representing five Davidian builders.

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Yes, with the City coming to our very doors, the peach orchard must go. The peach orchard! What memories it brings of low-bowing branches loaded with luscious fruit! Of boys and girls, men and women, filling the baskets with golden juicy Elbertas! There was a plenty for everyone and almost three months of the year we all enjoyed a feast. The cannery was a busy place those days, for thousands of quarts of peaches were packed for winter use, and still there were more. So the Saleway was opened, and cars came from far and near to buy Mt. Carmel peaches.

All this happened before the drought came. Now the trees are old, half withered, and barely alive. But why should we mourn? They served well their purpose for the time that we needed them. Now the land will be sold at a profit and the means used to search out and save the lost sheep of the House of Israel. Good-by dear old peach orchard.

An unusual report came to hand that a Davidian sister of Florida was baptized at a Seventh-day Adventist camp meeting. It was further reported that she had first-hand information of how seriously the Conference is concerned about The Shepherd's Rod.

A number of new Mt. Carmel correspondents in August included one Mrs. ----- who confessed she had been regularly burning the literature sent her. Apparently tiring of this, one day she opened one Timely Greeting that came, and the heading--"The Church walking With The

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World"--caught her eye. She had soon memorized the paragraphs that followed and then from memory she gave the poem in the Seventh-day Adventist church! Now she has ordered more literature to replace the burned copies, She has five sons and is teaching them at home.

Sister Player, who is in charge of foreign relief, has been shipping suitable clothing and shoes to the needy brethren in foreign fields almost as fast as it is received here at Mt. Carmel. Requests are continuing to come for help.

During the weeks in August and September four fires occurred on Mt. Carmel, very evidently purposely set. The last two resulted in costly damage, one to a warehouse adjoining the machine Shop, the other to adjoining the Machine Shop, the other to a warehouse adjoining the machine Shop, the other to Helm's garage. Because of so many fires occurring in so short a time, the State Fire Marshall was asked to make an investigation of the cause of them. The final report is still pending.

A recent and major event of this year was the commencement of the new ministerial class. It is composed of serious-minded young men who have journeyed here from various sections of the States. These eager-to-learn young men appear determined quickly to acquire a thorough training in the Lord's service for the gathering of the first-fruits during the harvest in Laodicea. One occasion, instructor Merritt Wolfe quoted from the books of Jeremiah and Matthew, then commented concerning the student's call and the Institute's purpose for the class, now at eleventh hour. He pointed out that after Israel's dispersion

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throughout the nations and after their assimilation by the gentiles, prophecy then disclosed the subject of the gathering of the first-fruits, by saying: "... I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks." -- Jeremiah 16:16.

"This is the reason," he explained, "that these students have enrolled in this class."

Thus it was that Monday was that Monday, September 13 the door of the ministerial; class opened again, and upon bended knees and with bowed heads the class petitioned the Master Hunter and pleaded with Him that he be with them as they prepare for His service in the vineyard.

"Today we stand faulty and defective, many with 'rough and uninviting exteriors', " declared the instructor, "but ere long through the grace of God, as we remain faithful, we shall appear 'fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners' (Cant. 6:10, going 'forth into all the world, conquering and to conquer' (Prophets and Kings, p. 725). What a hope!"

One important aspect of this ministerial class that differs from the previous one, is the increased number of students attending from Seventh-day Adventist homes, whereas the majority of the students of former classes were composed of young men and women who were long-time Davidian Seventh-Adventists

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This is indeed an encouraging development, for it discloses that young men and women are now embracing the Message and are coming forefront, making ready to lead out for the Message as they are "disclosed" to view. (see Early Writings, page 277 and Testimonies, Vol. 5, pages 80,81.)

Following are some of the comments made by a representative section of the student body. They reveal their hopes and aspirations for world-wide evangelism after hunting out and bringing in the firstfruits:

"Since my arrival at Mt. Carmel, I have had the privilege of meeting many fine, interesting people who have all the appearance of being a dedicated group. At my first introduction to the religious activities of Mt. Carmel, I was impressed with the number of earnest young people present, in comparison with the young people of the mother church, who many times possess a subversive attitude toward their church activities. My purpose here at Mt. Carmel is to attain not only a thorough knowledge of present Truth doctrines but also a spiritual foundation and experience that will fit me to give the Message to the church and the world-with the ultimate goal of a heavenly home."-A new student from California.

"The impression I received when I arrived at Mt. Carmel was of a people with a Christlike spirit, who are striving to enter in at the strait gate; a people who praise God, the rod did arrive to reform and revive; a people who are making (December, 1954)

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their calling and election sure by setting their affections on things above. My goal, hope, and aspiration is to 'study' to shew [myself] approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth.' My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus, blood and righteousness. I desire to remain faithful and to continue to strive to enter in at the strait gate, and be among those who will stand with the Lamb on Mount Zion."-A new student from Mississippi.

"My impression of Mt. Carmel at the present is not exactly what when I lived here as a child. This is partly because I am older and more serious and partly because the work on Mt. Carmel has changed. I like the people of Mt. Carmel as a whole, very much. It is very encouraging and heart-lifting to e with people of one's own faith. I believe that this is the Lord's work and that the leadership is inspired of God. The training and building of character, I believe, is very good. The training one receives here if taken in the right way is worth more than all the money in the world."- A student from Wyoming.

"While visiting here for the first time, one of the believers took my mother, two sisters, and myself out near the Mt. Carmel dam. On our way out there, she told us that a highway was being built to the Kingdom. All sorts of ideas came into my mind concerning this highway, but now I can understand more clearly what it all emant. Several weeks ago I received a letter

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from Mt. Carmel, stating when the ministerial class would begin and what the requirements were. Just then I made up my mind to enroll. Now I am here, and I firmly believe it is the Lord's will. My greatest ambition is to take the course, make success of it, and go out and preach it to our Laodicean brethren—those who are seeking present Truth. My greatest hope is to gain many souls for God's Kingdom and to help and power of the Lord."-A new student from Texas.

"I am greatly impressed by the things I have seen and heard about the building up of Mt. Carmel in the early days and the progressive selling off of land tracts as its purpose is fulfilled. I am also impressed with the need of setting an example to all believers to do likewise, as the Lord shows the way. My interest was further aroused by the several sightly buildings, also by the huge amphitheater which seats thousands of people and which ca be made ready for use in a few days. The reason I was impressed more by these things than by anything else was that I did not expect to find them, but it has proven to be another vivid witness to me that the Lord's hand is directing His work from this point."- A new student from California.

Refreshing rains in early October have been quickly drunk up by the parched ground and have brought a slightly darker shade of color to trees and shrubs-at the same time to some degree settling the dust and freshening the general atmosphere. The drought has not dealt as harshly here as it has in some neighboring states, and Mount

Carmel is grateful the Lord has supplied our minimum water needs.

The Circulation Department reports that most encouraging to them this year was the large orders received from the Hunters for the different states and foreign countries and the ingathering of names, and that between the two they have been kept more than busy.

The file cabinets have swelled to overflowing, and Brother Berolinger has built two new card-file cabinets for the overflow and will soon make a new plate-file cabinet. The filing system has had to be expanded by two extra files this year.

The finishing touches are being placed on the new printing building, and before long it should be ready for occupancy, thus giving more needed office space in B-8, the central office building, which now houses the printing and publishing departments as well as the correspondence department.

The Hunting Campaign inaugurated two years ago has been steadily expanding. The states covered during the entire campaign to date are: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, parts of New York, all of Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and South Carolina.

States that are not yet completed but are still being worked by the Hunters, include: Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina.

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Those states which have been covered since last October 25th are: Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina, thus showing that the hunting efforts have been largely concentrated in the South during the last twelve months.

An increased number of foreign Hunters and workers who have come to the forefront during the last year, include: brother J.J. Kondlo-South Africa; Sisters Jemmy Rohoman and Beulah Logie-trinidad; Brother and Sister Samuel Mambu-Indonesia; Brother H.G. Mitchell-grenada; Brother P.A. Simmons- St. Lucia; Brother Jose Veiga- Cuba; Brother J.F. Willmore- Dominican republic; Brethern E. M. Hamilton, C. A. Edwards, and S. Burke- Jamaica.

A sample of how the Message is making its way in the Adventist strongholds in the islands an is causing large concern among Laodicean officials, id found in a recent report from Sister Rohoman on the island of Trinidad. She writes:

"They fear that if we gain a strong footing here in Cumana [Trinidad], Pastor B----- and Pastor S----- will soon be here. They really fear them and want to avoid their coming. So the only alternative now is to threaten with disfellowshipment those who are interested in the Message. Elder G----- told the people that pastor B----- would be here very soon. And since they fear his exposing to the people, as he did in Grenada, their blunder in teaching that the Jews would not return to Palestine,

they are now going about confessing, after the Bible Scholl held in Mancas at the College here in Trinidad that they erred in the matter about the Jews. Elder G---- told the people in Sangre Grande that they had made a grave mistake about the Jews' not going back to Palestine, but they have confessed their sins and are sure that God will forgive them."

Thus again the fact is revealed that not forever will Laodicea be able to escape humiliation over cracking and crumbling of untempered mortar and the consequent gaping holes opening up in its theological walls.

Twelve truck-loads or approximately 700,000 pieces of literature were taken to the Hunters and disseminated by them during the past hunting season. And as names and addresses continue to flow in, more and more pieces of literature will continue to flow out until finally the saturation point will be reached and the work for the church will quickly wind up.

During this hunting season, nearly a half million miles were traveled by the Hunters in the States alone.

In recent months the nation and the world listened in and looked via radio and television upon the phenomenal rise of six notorious sisters to terrifying prominence. But as carol, Dolly, Edna, Florence, Gilda, and Hazel, the horrific hurricane sisters from the tropics, pillaged and plundered and ravaged their wanton way through

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the western hemisphere, taking their heavy toll of life and heavier toll of property, not one Davidian was injured by or suffered from their depreciations. Even more remarkable was the fact that though Carol, Edna, and Hazel wrought great havoc in areas where Hunters were at their task, not a one of them received so much as a bruise or a scratch. Brethern Bingham and Custer found themselves caught in Carol's fury, with giant trees fallen before and behind them and with high voltage lines lacing the distance between. It was with the added strength, energy, and will of a slightly scared axman that Brother Custer cut their way out of the impass, while Brother Bingham lent his moral support and sage advice! But both praised the Lord for hours and days to come for deliverance from Carol's crushing blows. Others of the Hunters were also caught in clutches of some of the danger.

A last-minute report of the regional meetings held October 15 through 17 at Meadows of Dan, Virginia, was brought by those attending from Mt. Carmel.

The Davidian church at Meadows of Dan was crowded to more than capacity to accommodate the visitors who went from as far as new York and Pennsylvania. Others attended from South Carolina, Tennessee, and various parts of Virginia.

The major theme of the meetings centered about the prophetic Scriptural studies on the Kingdom. Emphasis was placed on the scarlet-

colored beast federation and the evidences in the world that its likeness is looming on the international horizon.

Brother Stoy Proctor was in charge of arrangements for the meetings, and the other speakers included Brother Oliver Hermanson, Brother Fred Campbell, Brother L.W. Nations, Brother O.O. Richardson, and Brother Wm. O. Cockran.

Sister Ida Rainey sang the Kingdom song- "Coming Soon"- and Wickie Helm rendered accordion specials.

Those attending were pleased to have Mt. Carmel represented at the meetings and the Mt. Carmel group stated that Virginia southern hospitality was very much in evidence.

Since the Mt. Carmel youth comprise an important part of Mt. Carmel, and since the Davidian Youth Society plays a part in the lives of the Youth as well as of all others on the hill, the history of Carmel would not be complete without a report by the Society.

During the past year, two young people have served terms as President of the Davidian Youth Society. The first was John Campbell, and when he was transferred to Salem, South Carolina, to operate the Association's rest Home there, all the youth were sorry to see him go. Faith LaHey was elected to take over the Presidency, and she has admirably filled her office.

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For some time. Friday night Young People's meetings have been conducted by the Davidian Youth Society with as many young people as possible taking part. Since the ministerial students have been given the responsibility of picking out speakers among themselves for each Friday evening. They are doing an excellent job, and the D.Y.'s are happy to see so many young men thus preparing for their places in the Lord's work.

Each Sabbath evening a goodly number of Carmelites assemble in the Chapel for Vespers, which is also sponsored and planned by the Society. These short services just before sundown provide a happy and fitting close to the Sabbath day.

This month the D.Y.'s Social Committee has organized a Etiquette Class which meets only once every two weeks so that all the youth and particularly the ministerial students will be able to take time out to attends One hour out of every 336 should not be too much time for anyone to spend in learning the basic principles of culture, and surely if anyone should be cultured and refined, Davidians should be. This project is a very important one, for it is designed to create a more friendly and courteous atmosphere on Carmel before next History Day rolls around.

The Society is now also starting a music-directing class so that a greater variety of
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music leaders will be available for the religious meetings. Other projects meetings since this time last year the Davidian Youth Society as well as other Carmelites are especially proud; Wayne Golf returned to Carmel last December and attended the Ministerial for Class for several months. Now he is engaged in field work and is very happy to have a part in the upbuilding of the Kingdom. Jack Knipple, Jr. returned this September to resume his studies in the ministerial classes, and he is diligently studying and preparing to be a "Hunter." Thara Ann Campbell returned last October, though she spends most of her time in Waco where she is taking a nurse's training course in preparation for a place in the missionary work of administering to the physical needs of God's children. Georgia Glynn has been living at her home in Oregon during the past year during which time she has completed her high school courses; her diploma was presented to her last June. Since then she has been working very hard so that she too an return to Carmel. She should be arriving here anytime now to fill the position which is awaiting her in the Office.

Now for this Day of days at Mt. Carmel Center have come visitors from nine states, with nine coming from California, seven from Wyoming, six from Texas and six from Arizona, three from South Dakota and one each from Florida, Louisiana.

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Colorado, and South Carolina, totaling thirty-five in all. They have come to meet the family at Mt. Carmel and to see and to hear what God hath wrought. May the hopes and expectations of none be disappointed, and the determinations and resolves of all this day be realized by grace through faith in Christ.

And so ends the reading of the History for Davidians October 25, 1953 to October 24, 1954.

WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

I asked the guard above the watchman's gate, tell me of the night." The watchman said, The hour is getting late; O'er in the east I see the gleams of light. The ordered constellations of the stars, Give certain proof the day is soon to break. But, lo!! I se portentous signs of wars, The preparations that the nations make." The watchman paused, his eyes were filled with pain, "The morning comes, "he said, "but also night. The morning comes to bring to some great gain, But darkness like a pall hangs o'er earth plight!" I thank you, watchman, for revealing fact; I'll be a wise man who knows truth, and acts.

-Adlai Esteb.

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PURPOSE

This publication is dedicated to the mission of conveying to Davidian present truth believers, edifying news and articles of timely significance. This comforter freely gives its time to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation, and neither collects fees nor charges for its service.

Address all communications to:

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Mt. Carmel Center

Waco, Texas

TO DAVIDIANS EVERYWHERE

Our message teaches that Truth is ever progress with It. The servant of the Lord encourages us with these words :

"In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as leader. We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us." *Testimonies to Ministers, p. 31.*

With the thought in mind that we have *nothing* to fear for the future, we can take courage and press onward regardless what comes. Even as the children of Israel did not know what they would have to encounter and meet from day to day in their experience, so we do not know what our day by day experiences may bring forth. Still we know that God is our sure Guide and support in every time of need.

And now it is with natural sorrow in our hearts we announce the sad news that after several years of failing health, Brother Houteff passed away Sabbath at 12:05 A.M., February 5, at the Hillcrest Hospital in Waco.

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In His Providence the Lord permitted Brother Houteff to rest from his suffering. We know that it was God's will and so we would not want it different. The promise, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose" (Rom. 8:28), is very dear to us especially at this time, and we are trusting in the Lord to work everything out according to His planning. We are continuing with the work that has been appointed to each of us, and we are confident that God will be with us as He has in the past.

When the children of Israel went through a similar experience, the Lord assured them that " ... I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage ... " Josh. 1:5,6. May we all take hold of these promises and continue in the Truth that God has brought to us in this crucial hour of the world's history, and be among those who shall inherit the Kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

From the Spirit of Prophecy we find the following admonition also fitting to us as a people at this time:

"The divine command was, 'Go forward!' They were not to wait until the way was made plain, and they could comprehend the entire plan of their deliverance God's cause is onward, and he will open a path before his people...

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"The voice of the Lord bidding his faithful ones 'go forward,' frequently tries their faith to the uttermost. But if they should defer obedience till every shadow of uncertainty was removed from their understanding, and there remained no risk of failure or defeat, they would never move on at all. Those who think it impossible for them to yield to the will of God and have faith in his promises until all is made clear and plain before them, will never yield at all. Faith is not certainty of knowledge; it 'is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.'..."—Testimonies. Volume 4, pages 25-28.

Our work has been clearly set before us. It is important that in a concerted and an undiminished effort we set about our Father's business of bearing the Message of not only good tidings but also of warning to the impenitent, especially when their eternal life is at stake.

Already, a practical heart-lifting "go forward" move, underwritten by the Lord and begun by Brother Houteff continues in operation. This we know as the "hunting" program (Jer. 16:16) and as it goes forward even now, we are impressed with this statement which you will recognize as coming from Jezreel Letter No. 6: 'This, you note, is not Brother Houteff but the Layman's Movement, imbued with the Spirit, and at work.'

All this is focusing a new and greater significance to the Lord ordained Laymen's Movement brought to our attention in recent months. Thus, under the Lord's guiding Hand, this work will advance from

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victory to victory in a final movement that will in the Lord's righteousness cut the work short.

What a challenge! What a hope! It is our prayer that not a single Davidian will fall back into the fatal pit of Laodiceanism at such a solemn hour as this. On the contrary, it is imperative that each of us take new hope in the fact that we can have a part in this ever so glorious final victory in Jesus and His Truth. Let us then remain steadfast and faithful to our belief, never wavering, never doubting, but pressing on to a home in God's soon coming Kingdom.

In conclusion, I wish to welcome your continued correspondence in which you may feel free to make known your needs and problems, your joys and sorrows, and we shall do our best with the Lord's help to serve your interests.

Above all, keep us in your prayers that we may ever be wise and faithful stewards over the Lord's goods.

Sincerely yours ever to
lean wholly on the Lord
at all times,



(Mrs.) V.T. Houteff

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REPOSE

'Tis Sabbath morn; the daylight comes,
To find Mt. Carmel weeping.
The shrubs and trees with leaves bowed down For one who
now is sleeping.
Grant him a time of light repose,
A moment's sleep he's taking.
The raindrops fall in promise sure Of harvest at his waking.
Weep not for him—his life is sealed,
'Tis God Who holds-him fast.
A little rest--then work begins,
The scope is wide and vast.
Let those who love him carry on The purpose full in view,
The cause for which he gave himself,
Our charge—to see it through.
To those he loved—a faith bequeathed,
As strong as iron bands,
Enabling by the grace of God To view the labor of his
hands.

—Esther Nesbitt

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FUNERAL SERVICE
for
VICTOR T. HOUTEFF
AT
Mt. Carmel Center
Waco, Texas
February 9, 1955
3:00 P.M.

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Prelude Carol Goff, Organist
Scripture and Prayer..... E.T. Wilson
Solo—"Back of the Clouds" — Bruce La Hey
Obituary E.T. Wilson
Poem and Sermon Merritt W.
Wolfe
Solo—"The Lord's Prayer"..... Bruce La Hey
Postlude..... Carol Goff, Organist

COMMITTAL

Scripture Merritt W. Wolfe
Prayer E.T. Wilson

Due to the fact that the Chapel was inadequate to accommodate the many brethren and friends who came for the services from the various states, the funeral service was held in the spacious newly constructed publishing building. The interior of the building was simply but beautifully arranged for the occasion.

Victor Tasho Houteff was born in Raicovo, Bulgaria, March 2, 1885, and died February 5, 1955, at the Hillcrest Hospital in Waco, Texas. He is survived by his widow, Florence Houteff; three brothers, Nick Houteff of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Leo and Theodore Houteff of Bulgaria; three sisters, Mrs. Marie Starbovo, Mrs. Anna Demeter and Mrs. Fimea Gavrealoff all of Bulgaria.

Brother Houteff's first religious affiliation was with the Greek Orthodox church. In 1907 he came to the United States. Several years later, while in the hotel business at Rockford Illinois, he accepted the Seventh-day Adventist faith and was baptized. Soon thereafter he moved to Los Angeles, California, where he was successfully engaged in sales work; he was recognized by all his associates as one who practiced his religion in the conduct of his business.

A faithful churchgoer, he took active part in the many church endeavors and was generous in his support of the work. In his capacity of Sabbath School teacher in the years 1928 and 1929 he proved both gifted and inspired in his presentation of the lessons—so much so that church member after church member crowded into his, class, until finally it became necessary for him to hold special sessions in a private home.

As a result, in 1930 Brother Houteff wrote *The Shepherd's Rod*. Vol. 1, the first in a series of doctrinal publication of which he is the author.

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In the year 1934 he established the Universal Publishing Association, also the General Offices of what is now known as the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF DAVIDIAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS. His next book was entitled *The Shepherd's Rod*. Vol. 2, followed through the years by 24 booklets, a periodical called *The Symbolic Code*, and the *Timely Greetings* consisting of 98 pamphlets.

In 1935 Brother Houteff brought the world-wide headquarters of the Association, together with the Universal Publishing Association, to Mt. Carmel Center, Waco, Texas. It was here that two years later on January 1, 1937, he was united in marriage to Miss Florence Marcello Hermanson, who has stood faithfully by her husband's side in sickness and in health, and has shared the heavy burdens of his work.

Among the many projects inaugurated under Brother Houteff's able leadership are Mt. Carmel Center with its various department, including the Rest Home, the Dispensary, the International Mercantile Association, the Davidic-Levitical Institute, and the Lake Shore Subdivision; and the glorious Kingdom flag.

Serving through the years in capacities too numerous to list, giving his all to the work of the Lord, Brother Houteff in life took no rest from his tireless efforts to fulfil his great calling. And now the Lord has seen fit to let our beloved Brother, after several years of failing health rest for a little while. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."—Ps. 116:15.

**FUNERAL SERMON
for
BROTHER HOUTEFF**

As we continue with this memorial service, in honor and respect for him who gave a full measure of devotion to the Lord's cause for His church here on earth, and is now momentarily taking his sleep, I shall read from the writings of the sweet singer of Israel.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."—Psalm 23.

These words are an eternal expression of the Lord's servant's hope. David, the king of Israel, likening himself to a sheep with the Lord as his Shepherd, was able to look beyond the mysteries of this mortal life with its uncertainties into the future, and with unmistakable clearness was able to say, "yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." Why?

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Because the Lord was his Shepherd; and the Shepherd's Rod and His staff, they comforted him. And he had the assurance and was well able to declare that he would dwell in the house of the Lord, his Shepherd, forever.

If the David of old, with all of his trials, temptations, besetments, and defeats, was able by faith in God's Word alone to look into the future and declare such an abiding hope, I am sure that the one who is taking his short rest had that same hope. True, indeed, Brother Houteff has fought a good fight; he has kept the faith.

Honest hearts the world around have rejoiced at his teachings. These have been in their mouths as sweet as honey, sweet upon their lips with a promise of no bitterness and no disappointment. These honest souls have been rejoicing in the Truth even as the wheat, which, while it is in the field, rejoices in the latter rain that the Lord sends to ripen and prepare it for the final harvest and is finally placed in the Master's barn. But while many are rejoicing throughout the length and breadth of the land, there are also those who have been trembling because of the firm denunciation of their sins and the defilement which they have brought into the house of God. Even as in ancient times, when ancient Israel under King Ahab trembled at the words of Elijah from ancient Mt. Carmel, so has modern Israel trembled today, and are still trembling.

There is no grave so deep nor tomb so strong as to be able to silence the "Voice" that crieth

unto the "city," and ere long the shout of victory shall sound from one end of the earth to the other and through all the cities of Israel: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" 1 Cor. 15:55.

Today, Carmel and its large family mourn. We mourn the loss of a husband, a brother, a fellow-worker, and a kingly leader; but we do not mourn as others, because we see that God, Who holds the earth in the palm of His Hands, is merely working out His own will in His Own good way.

Out of the fires of sickness and suffering, the Lord is to bring forth health and purity, a robe of righteousness, and a golden crown which shall soon be placed upon the head.

Those who have been associated with Brother Houteff have learned that he worked by faith, even as the Lord's servants of yesterday worked, and which we find recorded in Hebrews the eleventh chapter.

"By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was

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a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing Him Who is invisible. By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect." Heb. 11:7,8, 23, 27, 29, 30, 39, 40.

Therefore we are engaged in a work which in its beginning had nothing in a material sense to start with. It was started through faith in God's Word. It was established by hope and prospered through the exercise of charity. And so it is that by faith we must continue on until the work is completed. There is no stopping. We also know that Brother Houteff's constant aim and purpose were to get his work done. He was still laboring and planning his work, when he was taken to his short rest. We are confident that his hope is also expressed in the words of another who took her rest while she was engaged in the Lord's work. Before she passed away she expressed her hope in these words which you will recognize come from Testimonies for the Church. Vol. 7, p. 17:

"...Your work, my work, will not cease with this life. For a little while we may rest in the grave, but, when the call comes, we shall, in the kingdom of God, take up our work once-more."

The author of this statement, while living, had the hope that although her work of turning sinners to righteousness might cease temporarily while she rested in the grave for a short time, yet the day was coming when she would be brought forth from that grave and take up her work once more in the Kingdom of God. That such a time is coming when sleeping saints shall arise and turn sinners to righteousness is clearly set forth in the Scriptures, recorded in the twelfth chapter of Daniel, verses 2, 3.

"And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

Here Inspiration foretells that a day is coming when a resurrection will take place and those who turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever. Since it was the hope of both of these of whom I have spoken that they would come forth and take up their work once more, it must be that while mercy patiently lingers the Lord is going to call forth from the grave His sleeping saints, the faithful ones, and they shall go forth and turn many to righteousness. That is how they take up their work once more. They had a work once, they laid it aside temporarily, and now they take it up once more. Not a new work, but an old work laid aside and then taken up again. This is one of the Truths which Brother Houteff has sponsored, which he has taught, and has helped to make Davidian

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If there are any who are to profit from the service of today, it is we, those who are still living, those of us who still have a span of life ahead of us, whether it be long or short.

And to those who have come here in honor and respect for him who is now resting, whatever your belief may be, I would say, "Live your religion, be a producer for others not merely a consumer for yourself; for in Christendom today there are too many who are merely consumers for themselves." This, too, was Brother Houteff's teaching and his practice, that he should produce more for others than he consumed upon himself. And for those of us who remain, and have united in this "closing work for the church" I shall read the verses containing the last commission given us by our leader. It is recorded in Jeremiah 16:14-16. In the 14th verse Inspiration is speaking, referring to the Lord as the Lord Who at one time had brought Is-rael up out of the land of Egypt.

"Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be said, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt." Jer. 16:14.

Anciently it was the custom of the people to say The Lord now lives Who brought the children of Israel up out of the land of Egypt, but the day is coming when that shall no more be said. "But, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north

and from all the lands whither He had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers." This is something that never has yet been done.

"Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks." Jer.16:16.

That is the commission that the Lord's servant has given us. We are told the Lord commissions His people to go and hunt Israel from every mountain, from every hill and even out of the holes of the rocks, and in the Lord's strength this we do.

God has given us a work to do and the one whom He appointed to lead us in this task has set the example for each one of us to follow. Brother Houteff, our leader, was not a quitter; he did not permit himself to be overcome by discouragement. Neither did he give himself over to feelings. If he were to speak to us Davidians upon this occasion, today, I am sure he would tell us, "On with the work. Stop nothing short of victory." He would admonish us "do not repeat the same mistakes of Israel in the past, or that of modern Israel, by stopping where their leaders went to rest. Keep on going; do not stop just because I am resting. Keep on going; look to the Lord, the Author and Finisher of your faith."

Now is the time for each one of us Davidians, as a people, believing in progressive Truth, to show

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our respect for our leader and belief in his message by laying aside all of our selfish wants, and uniting in a concerted effort to carry on the cause to a glorious victory which shall soon come to pass. Doubt and unbelief, should not be known in our ranks, but as the Apostle Paul, we should, say "forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13, 14)—the establishment of the everlasting Kingdom.

Our report today should be the same as was that of Joshua and Caleb "We are well able to go up and take the land."

Just as soldiers in the heat of battle look to the symbol of their nation, take courage, pledge themselves anew, and then leap forward into the task that is at hand, so today every Davidian on Carmel and throughout the length and breadth of the land should, look up to the symbol of our work and with a thrill in our voices we in our hearts should say "we pledge our hearts, our minds, our hands, our all, to the flag of God's eternal Kingdom, and to the Theocracy for which it stands, one people made up of all nations, and bound by the cords of everlasting love, liberty, purity, justice, peace, happiness, light and life for all." We should have a joyful chorus upon our lips such as this, "Forward, forward, 'tis the Lord's command; forward, forward, to the Promised land; forward forward, let the chorus ring; we are sure to win with Christ our King." I am sure this thought in our hearts is the greatest respect which we

can pay to the one whom the Lord has chosen to lead His people thus far, and that ere long, we will see fulfilled, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Active pallbearers were: Alton Springer, Jimmy Worth, Dudley Goff, Stoy Proctor, Harmon Springer, and Glenn Weeks. Honorary pallbearers included Herbert Curtis, H. C. Sealy, Vanoy Smith, Jack Knipple, Sr., J. O. Conrad, and J. B. Berolinger.

COMMITTAL: "And the Lord said unto him, Call his name Jezreel." "For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land." "And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be My people, and I will be your God."

"This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited...I the Lord build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I the Lord have spoken it, and I will do it." "For, great shall be the day of Jezreel." Hos. 1:4; Ezek. 36:24, 28, 35, 36; Hos. 1:11

Page -19- **APPRECIATION**

Words are utterly inadequate to convey my deep appreciation for each of the many messages by telephone, telegraph, and nail, as well as the lovely floral pieces sent by you dear brethren at the passing of my husband. And I sincerely regret that because there are so many, I cannot personally acknowledge individually your expressions of faith, hope, and sympathy.

However, I do want each of you to know that your messages of condolence were a great personal comfort in the days just past and will be dearly cherished in the days ahead as we go forward in the Lord's strength performing the tasks that have been clearly outlined for us.

--Mrs. Florence Houteff

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS APPOINTED

In the very nature of the Divine set-up of the General Association of Davidian Seventh-day Adventists (Constitution and By-Laws of Davidian Seventh-day Adventists, p. 6, par. 1), the office of president for the time being remains vacant.

In harmony with recommendations made by Brother Houteff before his death the Executive Council, in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the General Association of Davidian Seventh-day Adventists, met and unanimously passed and adopted the following resolutions:

That Mrs. Florence Houteff be appointed and elected to the office of Vice-President of the General Association of Davidian Seventh-day Adventists;

And that T.O. Hermanson be appointed and elected a member of the Executive Council.

Also elected to office was J. O. Conrad to succeed Mrs. Florence Houteff in the capacity of Executive Secretary.

Members of the Executive Council include: Mrs. Florence Houteff, Vice President of the Association; J. O. Conrad, Executive Secretary; Mrs. S. Hermanson, Treasurer; M. W. Wolfe; C. W. Helman; A. Quackenbush; G. W. Saether; T. O. Hermanson.

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And now as we take another step forward with advancing Truth, doing all things "decently and in order," let nothing stop us short of our object—bringing about that reformation among God's people which is prerequisite to the sounding of the "Eleventh-Hour Call," the Loud Cry, through which shall be gathered all the saints into the Kingdom "which shall never be destroyed...but...shall break in pieces and consume all... kingdoms." Dan. 2:44.

UNITY AMONG BELIEVERS

Far and wide there is much talk about unity in and among civic organizations, churches, states, and nations. Even the lofty ideals of one world and of one church challenge the modern mind. And though this ardent preoccupation with unity is one of the most noble and most powerful among men, yet unless it is Christ-centered, it is of the subtlest of delusions, the sheerest of vanities. The redemptive unity of brotherhood in Christ is the supreme need of both the church and the world, and is the supreme good which Inspiration exalts as in the 133 Psalm:--

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."

Thus being infinitely "good" and "pleasant" to the soul now and requisite to "life for evermore," this vital unity will therefore be of paramount concern to every true Davidian Seventh-day Adventist. Indeed, it will be his ever-pressing ideal and goal.

The measure of unity we achieve will not be the result of chance but will come as we conscientiously comply with the progressive requirements, admonitions, and instructions which the

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Lord gives us. Necessarily, then, we must ever be closely aware of just what God's message for today teaches. How essential therefore that we study and assimilate it till it becomes the controlling part of us. Ezekiel was told to eat the book (Ezekiel 2:9, 10; 3:3). We must do the same. Thus only can unity be attained.

Then, "thy watchmen shall lift up the voice [the Message]; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion."--Isa. 52:8.

Those who do not eat the book and sing together engender variance, strife, and confusion in our ranks. Thus the imperative need that we know what we teach and teach only what we know; and that we comply with exactly what the Message teaches and requires; and that we keep ourselves free from uninspired writings. Only such efforts will God bless.

Furthermore, would we have the saving unity for which Christ prayed, we must guard our lips and hold our tongues from gossip and evil speaking about our brethren, for it is Satan's studied purpose thus to confuse and disunite the ranks of Christ.

Beloved, it is not opposition from the Laodiceans that is our greatest danger. Rather it is envy, jealousy, suspicion, pride, evil imaginings and surmisings that could come in among ourselves. It is these that retard the work and weaken courage. So give no ear to it. Ask:

"Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand."--Rom. 14:4. "Judge not, that ye be not judged."--Matt. 7:1.

As brethren in the faith, members of one family, with the same Kingdom hope, let us now press together, striving, praying, and working for love and unity among us. With everyone at his God-given post of duty and attending strictly to his own business, we can be more than conquerors through Him that loved us, and gave Himself for us.

EVANGELISTIC SERIES HELD AT MOUNT CARMEL

A series of eleven evangelistic meetings held in Mount Carmel chapel beginning Friday evening, December 24, and closing Sabbath afternoon, January 1, featured the theme "The Kingdom of God is at Hand."

The meetings were arranged by all the Hunters on leave from the field and this series proved, through the Lord's guidance, to be one of the most heart-stirring and solemn series ever held at Mount Carmel. Both young and old were moved by the emphasis placed on the nearness of God's Kingdom and our need to be fully prepared and ready for the events soon to come upon us.

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Attendance at each meeting was good with visitors swelling the ranks, and at one gathering there was an overflow crowd. The meetings, although not humanly planned that way, turned out to be eleven in number, one short of the symbol of government, number twelve. It was pointed out that this may be indicative of how close we are to the Kingdom.

Emphasis throughout the meetings was placed on the shortness of time, the need for placing all on the altar of sacrifice, pressing closer together in unity and love, and going forward in faith to full victory in Christ. A few brief experiences from the field were given by some of the Hunters disclosing the progress of the work under God and how the Message is steadily moving forward in spite of continued opposition.

Those who brought messages during the series of meetings included: Fred Campbell, Roy Crearer, Ray Custer, Dudley Goff, Wayne Goff, Cecil Helman, T. O. Hermanson, John P. Kelley, Jack Knipple, Sr. Stoy Proctor, O. O. Richardson, H. C. Sealy, Harmon Springer, Vanoy V. Smith, E. T. Wilson, Merritt Wolfe, Fayne Worth, Vaughn Worth, and Fannie Lou Woods.

One meeting was devoted exclusively to Mount Carmel children participation. Sister Vanoy Smith and Sister Claudie Mae Woods supervised this meeting with the aid of visual illustrations. These pictorial lessons operated by the children showed the broad way to destruction, the side roads to be avoided, and the narrow road to the Kingdom

TODAY'S CHALLENGE

On the Sabbath preceding the orientation of this fall's ministerial class, a sermon was given by Brother Oliver Hermanson in which he reviewed the pioneering work of the Message and of Mount Carmel Center.

The struggles and sacrifices to get the Message launched in Laodicea and to build Mt. Carmel were chronologically recalled. Along with this was recounted the Seventh-day Adventist ministry's fierce opposition in its unsuccessful efforts to suppress and squelch the God-sent Message while it was in its infancy. He told us how the Davidians were barred from the Seventh-day Adventist churches, and how in some instances they were even bodily carried out. These attacks were not uncommon in those early days.

After the unfair hearing by the Conference committee of twelve men in 1934, a trip was made to Texas in search of a central location for the headquarters from which to carry forward the work. The three location hunters, he said, were led to Waco's lake-shore hills where the Center now stands--this being the highest point in the county, Waco's best scenic site, the very things that make these hills a most desirable and distinctive residential spot. The twelve Mount Carmel pioneers arrived from California on the 24th of May, 1934, in the midst of the depression and started to build this center solely by faith.

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There was nothing on the place but timber and brush. The axe was the first tool to go into use. Construction first began on a simple flat roof frame building to house the Institution's and the pioneers, belongings that were to be brought by trucks a few days after the group of twelve arrived. The builders at first slept and cooked in the open under the trees.

Black gumbo muddy roads to walk and drive over, water to be had only by hauling a distance of six miles in barrels the first two years, and later in a 300-gallon tank, kerosene lamps for light, poor housing and homemade wood stoves were a few of the obstacles that faced the pioneers.

In spite of the handicaps all along the way the establishment of the Center made steady progress. So while hundreds of businesses were going bankrupt, Mt. Camel grew and prospered. The first ministerial class, active Hunters now in the field, met for study only after a full day's work.

A point which Brother Hermanson emphasized was that in those days the building up of Mount Carmel and the postage stamp by which to carry the Message to Laodicea were of prime importance. Now, however, he pointed out that the greatest need is for Hunters in the field for truly the harvest of the first fruits is great and increasingly ripe.

An appeal was made to the new students to fully consecrate and dedicate themselves to the Lord

and His Eleventh-hour Call. He explained that not everything would be pleasant and easy when they enter the field work, but that the joy over one true convert far over-shadows the abuse and opposition encountered from the deceived class of Laodicean brethren.

From Testimonies to Ministers, page 107, he read: "No one should claim that he has all the light there is for God's people. The Lord will not tolerate this. He has said, 'I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it.' Even if all our leading men should refuse light and truth, that door will still remain open. The Lord will raise up men who will give the people message for this time." (Emphasis Ours)

This passage was cited as encouragement for each new ministerial student to the end that they can be among the men raised up by the Lord if they will but let His will be done in their lives.

Brother Hermanson closed by reading Gospel Workers, pages 65, 66: "The number of workers in the ministry is not to be lessened, but greatly increased. Where there is now one minister in the field, twenty are to be added; and if the Spirit of God controls them, these twenty will so present the Truth that twenty more will be added."

This multiplication of workers, he explained, has already begun to be literally fulfilled in the Davidian ministerial increase, and is becoming a still greater reality with each passing day.

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AWAKE, ARISE, SHINE**

What is now taking place speaks loud enough to awake any slumberer if he can possibly be awakened. Coming events will be even more rapid. It therefore behooves us immediately, with the Lord's help, to re-examine ourselves, individually and collectively, to see if we are awake, and have our ears open to the trend of the times, and our hearts possessed by the Word of God; if, in short, we are working to bring the Kingdom of God "in the days of these kings." -Dan. 2:44.

With such an unremitting responsibility upon us, God help us not to fall back into Laodicean-ism, but to heed to the full Inspiration's long-suffering voice: —

"My brethren and sisters, do you desire to break the spell that holds you? Would you arouse from this sluggishness that resembles the torpor of death? Go to work, whether you feel like it or not. Engage in personal effort to bring souls to Jesus and the knowledge of the truth. In such labor you will find both a stimulus and a tonic; it will both arouse and strengthen. By exercise your spiritual powers will become more vigorous, so that you can, with better success, work out your own salvation. The stupor of death is upon many who profess Christ. Make every effort to arouse them. Warn, entreat, expostulate. Pray that the melting love of God may warm and soften their ice-

bound natures. Though they may refuse to hear, your labor will not be lost. In the effort to bless others, your own souls will be blessed.

"We have the theory of the truth, and now we need to seek most earnestly for its sanctifying power. I dare not hold my peace in this time of peril. It is a time of temptation, of despondency. Every one is beset by the wiles of Satan, and we should press to-gether to resist his power. We should be of one mind, sneaking the same things, and with one mouth glorifying God. Then may we successfully enlarge our plans, and by vigilant missionary effort, take advantage of every talent we can use in the various departments of the work."--*Testimonies. Vol. 5, pp. 387- 388.* (Emphasis ours.)

The hour is too late to devote the strength of brain and muscle and our material benefits to self-serving. The day is fast approaching when it will be said: "Give an account of thy stewardship."

Davidians, awake, arise, shine by absorbing all the God-sent oil for your lamps. Only then will you hear Him say: "Well done thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matt. 25:21.

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