

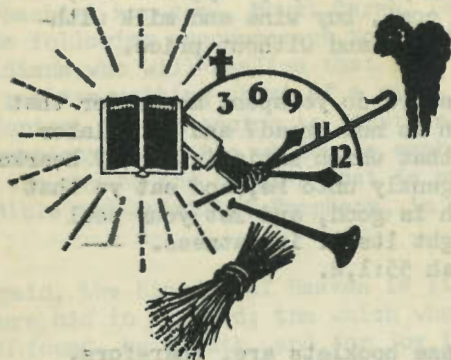
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"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price..

"Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto Me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness." ---
Isaiah 55:1,2.

These booklets are, therefore, circulated free of charge.

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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, then the whole, is symbolically leading the way to the program that is outlined by the Bible and 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.

"Would you make your property secure? Place it in the hand that bears the nail-print of the crucifixion. Retain it in your possession, and it will be to your eternal loss. Give it to God, and from that moment it bears His inscription. It is sealed with His immutability. 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 to 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 and was consumed. I also saw that God had not required all of His people to dispose of their property at the same time, but if 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.

"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 to 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, that he who would be ready for the "great supper" 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.

Be it, therefore, known that part of Mount Carmel property is being subdivided for high class residences beginning at the old peach orchard near 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 the deals. But even though it took everything, they both had enough to buy what they had set their hearts on.

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 is 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!

FEAR OF LIGHT REAL TRAGEDY

"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, 1954, 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 the dark. The real tragedy of life is that the ministers 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, and 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 to fearlessly embrace the additional Light regardless of reproach or inconvenience.

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, as related to the "Rod" message.

This worker found that the S.D.A. ministry was by and in the large opposed to the "Rod" 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--bemoaning the fact: "That the 'Rod' is capturing 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 question of whether they would kindly show where in the "Rod" message this statement is found they passed out 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 an important appointment now," or some other excuse.

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 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 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 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 all 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

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 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 Word never fail to materialize; they are all sure.

YOUR NEED FOR CERTIFICATE OF FELLOWSHIP

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

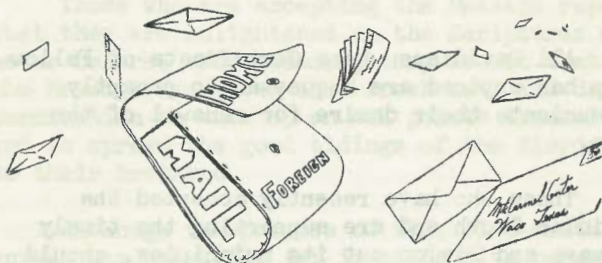
Those who have recently accepted the Davidian Truth and are supporting the timely message and living out its principles, should request the Davidian Association to send them an application blank for fellowship. A Certificate of Fellowship will be granted upon satisfactorily filling out the application.

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.

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 worded 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

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 them 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 next 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

"Dear Brethren:

"Sabbath morning we went to church in _____, after several weeks of visiting the other churches in this area. Elder _____ preached on the same subject 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 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 feet 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 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:

"Sister _____ 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

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 like 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 His 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 the new interpretation. I have the 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.

"Send me the 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 pleasure; unfortunately the language is a 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

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 to the people. He said that's what the statements 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 (the 'Rod's') statements, but with reconciling Sister White's statements with the Bible. I told him that the end of probationary time did not bring the harvest, but that the harvest brings 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 angel's message. I gave him two 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 time of trouble when the seven last plagues are poured out. He really began to play upon words. Then I told him clearly, emphatically, and boldly: 'Look here, Elder _____, we are not learned or educated, nor do we play upon words. We have a clear and dis-

tinct message for 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 this time _____ had 'Testimonies to Ministers,' pp. 475, 476. She asked him to explain it and to convince us that Sister White was the Elijah. He took it and read 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 and dreadful day of the Lord. He turned and twisted, and fidgeted, and finally said she has had 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 great light on the Scriptures, all I wanted to know was whether she had brought light on the scriptures about the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

"There were 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.

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

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Waco, Texas

FOREIGN RELIEF

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

All articles sent to Mount Carmel Center should be in a clean, orderly condition and not 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 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 an accompanying program. This is History Day or the Beginning of Days at Mt. Carmel. As such, it is appropriately known as the Day of Days.

Although only a relative few visiting Davidians were able to be 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.

H I S T O R Y F O R D A V I D I A N S

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 than 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 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

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 Hermanson 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 specific objections which are encountered in the field. Through trial and error, much valuable experience was gained in the field 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 Brethren Simmons and Bingham going on to St. Lucia and with Sisters Rohoman and Logie 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-fruit souls begged him to stay and teach them. Truly the harvest is ripe.

In Compton, California, Paul Phillips, who is now a full-time ministerial student, then as a new believer wrote asking Mount Carmel's opinion on his writing to all his relatives and Seventh-Day Adventist friends about the importance of this movement. He showed his zeal and determination, as a young man who had 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

blessing and if the home is to prosper. A present-Truth believer who enters upon marriage for any reason other than for 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 will not in such cases issue marriage licenses without the parents themselves assuming the responsibility. And since the Bible plainly teaches that governments are of God (Rom. 13:1-3), who then dare not seriously take age into consideration? And what parent would not 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 the 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 Book 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

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 Holmes' native land) until the hunting job was finished there, Brother Holmes made an offer to pay for 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 that 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 storerooms 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.

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 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 shares 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 had with the Northern New England Conference men and wanted our advice. Incidentally this was our first time hearing from him, showing that there

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 a note payable on demand!

On May 29, a special meeting was held in Salem, South 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 "Ruhamah hunters" are busily and courageously engaged in strengthening and expanding the work in Trinidad, as is evidenced

by the following letter written by Sister 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 raging 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.

"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 labourers few."

Still ringing in the ears of Mt. Carmel was the startling 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 requirements, 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.

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 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 five Davidian builders.

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 for 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

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 Heim'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. On 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 the eleventh hour. He pointed out that after Israel's dispersion

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, 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-day Adventists.

This is indeed an encouraging development, for it discloses that young men and women are now embracing the Message and are coming to the 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 new student body. They reveal their hopes and aspirations for worldwide 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 Christ-like 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

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 to 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 Sion."--A new student from Mississippi.

"My impression of Mt. Carmel at the present is not exactly what it was 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 be 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 meant. Several weeks ago I received a letter

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 a 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 reach that same goal myself through the help and power of the Lord."--A new student from Texas.

Enrolled.

"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 amphitheatre which seats thousands of people and which can 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.

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; Brethren 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, and is causing large concern among Laodicean officials, is 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 School held in Manacas 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 the 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

the western hemisphere, taking their heavy toll of life and heavier toll of property, not one Davidian was injured by or suffered from their depredations. 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. Brethren 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 the clutches of some of these storms but God delivered them out 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 accomodate 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 also 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 Heim 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.

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 Class began this fall, 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 an 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 attend. 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

music leaders will be available for the religious meetings. Other projects too are planned for the coming year, for all the D.Y.'s wish to do their part in the finishing of the work.

There are four individual youth of whose progress since this time last year the Davidian Youth Society as well as other Carmelites are especially proud: Wayne Goff returned to Carmel last December and attended the Ministerial Class for several months. Now he is engaged in field work and is very happy to have a part in the up-building 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 can 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,

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.

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WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

I asked the guard above the watchman's gate,
"O tell me, watchman, 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 see 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's plight!"
I thank you, watchman, for revealing facts;
I'll be a wise man who knows truth, and acts.

--Adlai Esteb.



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