

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,

waiting her in the Office. here anytime now to fill the position which is too can return to Carmel. She should be arriving then she has been working very hard so that she diploma was presented to her last June. Since she has completed her high school courses; her Oregon during the past year during which time Georgia Glynn has been living at her home in tending to the physical needs of God's children. for a place in the missionary work of adminis- taking a nurse's training course in preparation spends most of her time in Waco where she is studying and preparing to be a "Hunter," Thara Ann Campbell returned last October, though she the ministerial classes, and he is diligently turned this September to resume his studies in building of the Kingdom. Jack Knipple, Jr. re- work and is very happy to have a part in the up- for several months. Now he is engaged in field last December and attended the Ministerial Class especially proud; Wayne Gott returned to Carmel Youth Society as well as other Carmelites are progress since this time last year the Davidian There are four individual youth of whose

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

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.

The highlight of this educational series was an unexpected address by Brother V. T. Houette, 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 Jezeel letter series. Passed on to those who were soon to follow in the early Hunters. This practical knowledge was valuable experience was gained in the field work by tactics, and special objections which are encountered in the field. Through trial and error, much were designed to give them practical demonstrations of how to overcome some of the obstacles in approach, students and prospective Hunters, these sessions Principally for the benefit of ministerial 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.

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!

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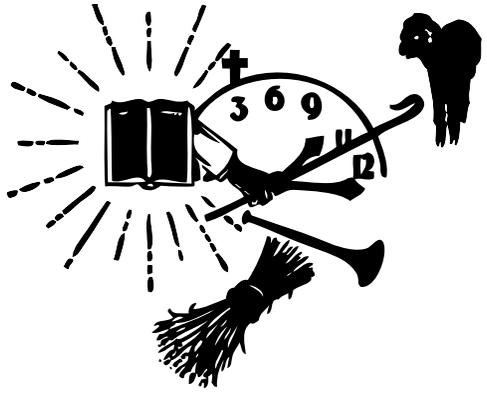
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And now as in retrospect we come again down from the event-filled way of '54, moving along from milepost to milepost, let us lay well to heart the solemn lessons the record holds for us. May our mistakes and our misdoings the past year monitor for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

responsibility and duty before God and man. Though each passing year has brought its with successive 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.

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.

October 26, 1953 to October 24, 1954.

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

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.

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 plight!"
I thank you, watchman, for revealing facts;
I'll be a wise man who knows truth, and acts.

-Adlai Esteb.

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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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

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

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.

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.

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."

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 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 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

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 Buwada, 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

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 the 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

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 north-east 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.

blessing and if the home is to prosper. 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 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

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. Brethern Bingham and Custer found themselves caught in Carol's fury, with giant trees fallen before and behind them and with high voltage lines facing 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 these storms but God delivered them out of 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.

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 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 by 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

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,

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, Charbonneau Drive, is in commemoration of Sister Hermanson's mother, Sister Florence Charbonneau, 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 Charbonneau.

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 Payne and Vaughn Worth, is already the site of nine attractive homes, representing five Davidian builders.

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

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 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 verge of a final and all out effort to reclaim the Church from the hands of the tare-sower.

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.

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 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 plentiful, but the laborers few."

Refreshingly 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 setting the dust and freshening the general atmosphere. The drought has not dealt as harshly here as it has in some neighboring states, and Mount

"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 slightly buildings, also by the huge amphitheater 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.

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

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 if 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.

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.

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 bowed 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

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 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 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

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 Payer, 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 Helm's garage. Because of so many fires occurring in so short a time, the State Fire Marshal 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 eleventh hour. He pointed out that after Israel's dispersion

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 tress 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