

The Banner

WORLD WIDE REFORMATION

"He That Winneth Souls Is Wise"



MINUTES OF THE CUBAN ASSEMBLY

(Continued from Last Issue.)

The Nineteenth meeting was opened with an enthusiastic song service led by the choir at 7:30 p. m., after which Elders C. A. Edwards, J. W. Manns and Bro. J. H. Buckland occupied the rostrum. Bro. J. H. Buckland offered prayer. Bro. C. J. Ellis then came forward and rendered a beautiful solo.

A most interesting sermon was delivered by Evangelist J. W. Manns. Subject: "The Signs that mark the Nearness of the Second Coming of Christ." A large and interesting audience listened with intense interest to the Scriptures used by Elder Manns in making plain the subject.

The meeting closed with the Doxology.

W. T. DALY, Sec'y.

The Twentieth meeting found us all gathered for early morning prayer service June 4th, at 5:30 o'clock. Elder Manns was in charge. After singing No. 282, Christ in Song, and a few brief remarks by Elder Manns, we engaged in a season of prayer led by Bro. F. Henry. The Spirit of the Lord came very near and many hearts were touched.

The meeting was closed with song, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

The Twenty-first meeting opened at 9:45 a. m. Elder C. A. Edwards, chairman. Hymn No. 619 was sung and the chairman led in prayer, after which the minutes of the previous meetings were called for, read and adopted.

Further reports of the Moron Church were given. This was led by Sister F. M. Drummond, our Mission School Teacher. We were all glad to note the progress of our Mission School as reported by Sister Drummond. The school was more than self-supporting.

Interesting remarks by Elder Edwards as follows: "It is certainly interesting to note the harmonious manner in which the different reports were rendered. We are ever to keep in mind that we have not differed from our former brethren in the fundamental principles of the doctrines but we differ only in

church polity, and that, pertaining only to the organization and operation of the Negro Department of S. D. A."

Elder Manns gave interesting comment on the progress of the work.

W. T. DALY, Sec'y.

The Twenty-second meeting was opened June 4 at 3:30 p. m. Elder J. W. Manns presiding. Hymn No. 508 was sung and prayer was offered by Bro. Edward A. White.

The minutes of the Twentieth session were read and accepted.

The revised form of the Constitution and By-Laws was considered. After much discussion the Constitution and By-Laws were adopted, subject to the corrections which were voted to be made by the President and Secretary of the General Assembly.

Constitution and By-Laws follow:

Constitution and By-Laws of the Cuban Assembly of Free Seventh-day Adventists.

Constitution Revised.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

This organization shall be known as the Cuban Assembly of Free Seventh-day Adventists.

ARTICLE II.

Object.

The object of this Assembly is to teach all nations the commandments of God, and the everlasting gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE III.

Membership.

Section 1. The membership of this Assembly shall consist of such local churches and companies as have been or shall be properly organized and accepted by vote of the Cuban Assembly in session or by its Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. The voters of this Assembly shall be designated as follows:

- (a) Delegates at large.
- (b) Regular delegates.

Sec. 3. Delegates at large shall be:

- (a) All the members of the Cuban Assembly Executive Committee.
- (b) Such representatives of the General Assembly as may be in attendance. Members of The Banner Publishing Association included.

Sec. 4. Regular delegates shall be such persons as are accredited by local churches and companies, not included in any other Assembly.

Sec. 5. Each local church and company shall be entitled to one delegate without regard to numbers, and one additional delegate for each twenty members or fraction thereof.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers and Their Duties.

Section 1. The regular officers of this Assembly shall be a president, vice-president, a secretary, an associate secretary, a treasurer and associate treasurer, and an auditor who shall be elected by the Assembly.

Sec. 2. President: The President shall act as chairman of the Executive Committee, and labor in the general interest of the Assembly as the Executive Committee may advise.

Sec. 3. Vice-President: The Vice-President shall preside over the Assembly in the absence of the President, and shall assist the President in administering the affairs of the Assembly as may be directed by the Cuban Assembly in session or by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 4. Secretary and Associate Secretary: It shall be the duty of the Secretary and the Associate Secretary to keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Cuban Assembly sessions and of the Executive Committee meetings and to collect such statistics and other facts from local churches and companies as may be desired by the Cuban Assembly or by its Executive Committee, to maintain correspondence with the field and to perform such other duties as usually pertain to such office.

Sec. 5. Treasurer and Associate Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer, or in his absence, the Associate Treasurer, to receive all funds of the Cuban Assembly, and disburse them in harmony with the actions of the Assembly or its Executive Committee, and upon an order signed by the President, and to render such financial statements at regular intervals as may be desired by the Assembly or by its Executive Committee.

Sec. 6. Election of Officers: All officers of the Assembly and members of the Executive Com-

mittee, except the President, who is appointed by the General Assembly, shall be chosen by the delegates at the regular session, and shall hold their office for the period of one year or until their successors are elected, and appear to enter upon their duties.

ARTICLE V.

Executive Committee.

Section 1. At each regular session the Assembly shall elect an Executive Committee for the carrying on of its work between the sessions.

Sec. 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, the Secretary, who may be both Secretary and Treasurer, the Treasurer and other members of the Assembly, the total number not to exceed that of seven members.

ARTICLE VI.

Ministers, Missionaries and Agents.

Section 1. The Assembly shall employ such committees, secretaries, treasurers, agents, ministers, missionaries, and other persons, and make such distribution of its laborers, as may be necessary to effectively execute its work.

Sec. 2. The Assembly shall grant credentials or licenses to ministers and missionaries.

ARTICLE VII. Sessions.

Section 1. This Assembly shall hold annual sessions at such time and place as the Executive Committee shall designate by a notice published in The Banner in three consecutive issues at least three months before the date for the opening of the session.

Sec. 2. The Executive Committee may call special sessions of the Cuban Assembly at such time and place as it deems proper by a like notice as of regular sessions, and the transactions of such special sessions shall have the same force as those of the regular sessions.

ARTICLE VIII.

By-Laws.

The voters of this Assembly may enact By-Laws and amend or repeal them at any session thereof, and such By-Laws may embrace any provision not inconsistent with the Constitution.

ARTICLE IX.

Amendments.

This Constitution or its By-

Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voters present and voting at any session; provided that, if it is proposed to amend the Constitution at a special session, notice of such purpose shall be given in the call for such special session.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I.

Executive Committee.

Section 1. During the intervals between the sessions of the Cuban Assembly, the Executive Committee shall have full administrative power, with authority to grant credentials and license, and to fill for the current term any vacancies that may occur in its offices, boards, committees, or agents, by death, resignation or otherwise. The Executive Committee shall also have power to withdraw credentials or license by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any regular council meeting.

Sec. 2. Any three members of the Executive Committee, including the President, shall be empowered to transact business at any time or place.

ARTICLE II.

Dropping Ministers and Workers.

Section 1. No minister or worker shall be dropped from the employment of the Cuban Assembly without having been given a hearing by the Executive Committee. If for any reason the decision of the Committee is not satisfactory to the worker thought to be in error, he may appeal his case to next, the Cuban Assembly, and last of all, the General Assembly, the highest authority in the denomination of Free Seventh-day Adventists.

Sec. 2. Apostasy: Any minister, or worker who shall preach or teach or cause to be preached or taught, doctrines in any of our churches contrary to the fundamental principles of the doctrines as taught by Seventh-day Adventists, (which doctrines are plainly taught in the Bible) shall be guilty of apostasy, and shall be amenable to the Executive Committee, and if such contrary position against the doctrines as taught by this denomination be maintained, then, such minister or worker shall forfeit his credential and

commission to preach or labor under the jurisdiction of this denomination.

Sec. 3. Members: Members who do not live in harmony with their vows, which all must make in answering the questions before being fellowshipped into the churches of Free Seventh-day Adventists, are guilty of departing from the faith, and are amenable and subject to church discipline.

ARTICLE III.

Wages and Expenses.

Sec. 1. The Executive Committee shall annually audit the expense accounts of the employees, and in council with members of the Executive Committee of the General Assembly, fix the wages for the succeeding year. It shall have power to make such adjustments from time to time in the wages of Ministers, Missionaries, Teachers, Secretaries and all workers connected with this Assembly.

Sec. 2. All Ministers, Missionaries and Bible Workers shall draw their wages from the Treasury of the Cuban Assembly, unless the same is otherwise provided for by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 3. Ministers, Missionaries and Bible Workers shall not receive their wages, or any part thereof from the local churches or companies. Members of all churches and companies shall be encouraged to make reports of all tithes and offerings through the regular organized channel. Tithe and collection of all funds received by Ministers and all workers shall be faithfully reported to the Treasury of the Cuban Assembly each month.

ARTICLE IV.

Funds.

Section 1. The funds of the Cuban Assembly shall be:

(a) The Tithe of all the churches and companies in the Assembly.

(b) The Sabbath School offerings.

(c) Regular Mission offerings.

(d) The Thirteenth Sabbath offerings, which belong to the General Assembly.

(e) Special offerings.

(f) A Tithe of the profits of all departments.

(g) The Sustentation.

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Elder J. W. Manns, President of the Assembly, left the city on Monday night, August 24th, on an extended trip to the Pacific Coast. He will visit St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha, Denver and Los Angeles, Calif.

While he will visit our little company at Omaha, Nebr., he will spend the most of his time with the Berean Church of Free Seventh-day Adventists, at Los Angeles, Calif. These good brethren at Los Angeles have been sending for him quite while, so at this particular time they sent him a ticket, and he couldn't promise them any longer.

Let us pray that his work out there will be a success, and all that is done will be to the glory and honor of God.

To the Banner:

The Atlanta Company of Free Seventh-day Adventists celebrated the "rounding out" of one year's work, Sabbath, July 25th, 1925, with special service in connection with the regular Sabbath School.

Brother Small opened the service by reading the 96th Psalm. Prayer was then offered by Sister R. B. Moses, in which she made a fervent appeal to the Throne of Grace for the success of the work under the leadership of Elder J. W. Manns, and a special plea for the success of the work in Gainesville, Fla.; also the efforts of our dear Brother and Sister Harris in Omaha, Nebr. Several songs were sung and Bro. Small made a forceful

talk on the origin, aim and policy of Free Seventh-day Adventism. He admonished the little Company to stand firm and smile in the face of persecution, vilification and misrepresentation.

He then read a paper entitled "Freedom, the God Given Right of Every Man." Brother W. M. Moses followed with a short talk and Miss Parris Person, who has resolved to keep the Sabbath, and is preparing for full admission, made a beautiful confession of faith.

The Secretary requested that the reading of the annual report be deferred until the following Sabbath, Aug. 1st, which was granted. After singing several selections from "Christ in Song" the Company then unanimously joined in sending the "Macedonian Cry" to 610 36th street, West, Savannah, Ga.

Benediction by Broher Small.

At the conclusion of the Sabbath service, the Secretary read encouraging letters from Elder J. W. Manns and the General Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. L. L. Johnson. The report follows:

(It must be borne in mind that until a few months ago this Company consisted of only three members.)

Report

Tithes for the year.....	\$ 91.78
Offerings for Missions.....	10.55
Offerings for Local Expense	8.10
Offerings for Needy Poor	3.50
Sale of The Banner.....	6.00
Sale of Tracts	4.00
Bible Readings given.....	19
Missionary Visits	21
Meals given away.....	10
Books given	4
Books lent	6
Hours Christian Help Work	49
Souls led to Christ.....	1
Tracts given away.....	90
Total funds collected for Assembly	\$115.83
Total funds collected for Local Expense....	8.10

Grand total for year.....\$123.93

EDWARD SMALL,
Leader.

MRS. R. B. MOSES,
Secretary.

The art of pleasing is the art of rising in the world.

Habitual fretters see more trouble than others.

"As for God, His way is perfect."

God expects of us not the best, but Our best.

Vision of seeing Christ is the reward of duty-doing.

"You cannot lead in a road you have never traveled.

God does not measure what we bring Him; He weighs it.

"And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God."

None but a whole-hearted Christian can be a true gentleman.

Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things.

Every true Christian will have control of his appetite and passions.

The Christian on his knees sees more than a philosopher on tiptoe.

"Some people are opposed to the Bible because the Bible is opposed to them."

"It is never harmful to eat between meals when you are eating spiritual food."

When God says "Come," he goes to meet us; when He says "Go" He goes with us.

"The tears of the penitent are only the raindrops that precede the sunshine of holiness."

Sometimes it is duty to wait, instead of to work. It is he who aspires highly who highly achieves.

A nation cannot rise above its women, neither can the church; rise and shine, sisters, and the church will shine with you.

ARTICLE V. Finance.

Section 1. All surplus funds raised by local churches and companies in this Assembly, shall be used by the Assembly to forward its Mission enterprises. Such funds shall be forwarded to the treasury of the Cuban Assembly along with the regular funds.

ARTICLE VI. Church Property.

Section 1. The property of all churches connected with this Assembly shall be held in trust by the legal corporation of the Cuban Assembly of Free Seventh-day Adventists.

Sec. 2. Churches under the jurisdiction of this Assembly shall not contract debts of any great importance, without first consulting the Executive Committee for advice.

ARTICLE VII. Agreement Blank.

Section 1. All Ministers, Missionaries and Workers, holding credentials or licenses granted by this Assembly shall be required to sign the "Solemn Agreement Blank," pledging to live in harmony with the spirit of this Constitution and its By-Laws.

Sec. 2. Ministers, Missionaries and Workers who shall refuse to sign the blank, shall be amenable to the Executive Committee, and shall forfeit his commission to continue work in the Assembly.

ARTICLE VIII. Churches and Companies.

Section 1. At the time of the organization of a church, application on special form furnished by the Assembly shall be made for membership in the sisterhood of churches.

Sec. 2. Ministers representing the Assembly shall also sign the application.

Sec. 3. Ministers shall see that a faithful record be kept of all newly organized churches, and report of same shall be promptly made to the Secretary of the General Assembly of Free Seventh-day Adventists, of which the Cuban Assembly is a unit.

The Twenty-third meeting commenced at 7:30 p. m., June 4th. A stirring song service was conducted by the choir of the Moron Church. After which

Bro. J. H. Buckland offered prayer.

The sermon was delivered by Elder J. W. Manns. Subject: "The New Birth." He used the following text: Jno. 3:1-6, Rom. 8:1, 2, Gal. 5:16-18, Rom. 1:29-32. Many other texts were quoted to show the results of "The New Birth." A large crowd attended this service.

A. E. MONFRIES,
Sec'y. Pro Tem.

The Twenty-fourth Meeting.

Elder C. A. Edwards conducted this early morning prayer service June 5th, 1925, at 5:30 o'clock, using hymn No. 741. Sister Ida Crossley lead in prayer.

Special instructions were given from 1 Pet. 2:1-31.

Certain questions raised by Bro. C. J. Ellis were referred to the Committee.

A spiritual season of prayer and testimony were enjoyed by all.

The Twenty-fifth meeting, June 5th, at 9:30 a. m.

Elder C. A. Edwards, acting chairman. Hymn No. 240 was sung. Prayer was offered by Bro. U. Williams.

Minutes of the previous meetings were submitted and accepted.

Brother A. S. Monfries then offered to render a report for the corporation of Free Seventh-day Adventists in Cuba. Owing to the fact that so many members of the corporation were absent, by the request of Elder J. W. Manns, the report was deferred until Sunday at 9 a. m.

After making plans for the baptism to take place Sunday morning at 6:30, the meeting adjourned until Sabbath morning at 5:30.

The Twenty-sixth meeting, June 6th, 1925. At 5:30 a. m. Elder J. W. Manns, with a large crowd of believers as well as many visitors, had gathered for early Sabbath morning worship. The entire congregation joined heartily in singing hymn No. 540, Christ in Song. Bro. J. H. Buckland led in a season of prayer.

This was indeed a wonderful service of consecration. Many gave their hearts to the Lord anew, pledging themselves to Him for greater usefulness in His cause.

Elder Manns gave most en-

couraging instructions from the Second Chapter of Colossian. The main thoughts were Love, Order and Discipline among the members in the church.

Elder Edwards led in a closing season of prayer.

A. S. MONFRIES,
Sec'y. Pro Tem.

The Twenty-seventh meeting, June 6th, 1925. Doubtless the largest Sabbath School which has ever been conducted in Moron, opened Sabbath morning, July 6th, at 9:30 o'clock. The Superintendent, Bro. A. S. Monfries, presided.

Sabbath School Lesson Subject: "John the Baptist in Prison," was recited with much interest by the whole school. A good Sabbath School offering was lifted for missions, after which a recess was taken fifteen minutes before the eleven o'clock service commenced.

At 11 a. m. the twenty-eighth meeting was opened with song service by the choir. Elders C. A. Edwards and J. W. Manns occupied the rostrum. Elder Manns, acting chairman. Hymn No. 451 was sung, and prayer was offered by Elder Edwards.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

A recommendation to the effect that Bro. J. H. Buckland be ordained to the Gospel ministry was adopted. Then followed a strong and interesting sermon by Elder Manns. Subject: "The Shepherd of the Lord's Flock." The following texts were used: Acts 20:19-31, Ezek. 33:1-7, 1 Pet. 5:1-7. After which hymn No. 289 was sung. While the congregation stood singing the last stanza, Bro. J. H. Buckland came forward to the rostrum, assisted by two brethren. He took a stand between Elders Manns and Edwards. At the close of the song the entire congregation reverently knelt while Elder Edwards led in prayer, followed by Elder Manns. While Elder Manns was invoking the blessings of God upon Bro. Buckland, he with Elder Edwards placing their hands upon his head, commended him to God and His keeping power. Elder Manns delivered the charge of a Gospel minister. Elder Edwards welcomed him to the ministry in behalf of the Cuban Assembly, while Elder Manns welcomed

him in behalf of the General Assembly.

It was here announced that Elder Edwards and Sister Drummond would be married the following morning. Dismissed by Elder Manns.

The Twenty-ninth meeting at 3:30 p. m., June 6th, 1925. Hymn No. 534 was sung and prayer was offered by Elder J. H. Buckland.

Brethren E. A. White and S. E. Fuller, Sisters Grant and Aikens rendered a soul stirring quartet, after which candidates were invited to take the front seats, and to them was delivered an interesting lecture. Subject: "The Significance of Baptism," after which twelve were received into the church, subject to Baptism.

This meeting closed with the Vesper service.

A. S. MONFRIES,
Sec'y. Pro Tem.

The Thirtieth meeting, June 7th, 5:30 a. m. Hymn No. 495 was sung and prayer was offered by Elder J. H. Buckland.

At 5:40 o'clock Elder C. A. Edwards and Sister Florence M. Drummond were united in marriage. After the ceremony a large crowd gathered at the water-side for baptism. Twelve were baptized. This was a most impressive service. Several hundred witnessed the scene. Perfect order was maintained throughout the ceremony. Elder J. W. Manns officiated.

W. T. DALY, Sec'y.

The Thirty-first meeting at 9:30 a. m., June 7th, 1925.

Elder Edwards in the chair. Prayer was offered by Bro. A. S. Monfries. Hymn No. 205 was sung. The previous minutes were read and adopted.

The report of the Corporation of Free Seventh-day Adventists in Cuba was called for. Bro. A. S. Monfries then reported and it was unanimously received. While there were a few features connected with the report that were not very encouraging, the majority of the members decided to make a new start, thus helping the business to succeed. Elder Manns spoke forcibly to the stockholders. In his remarks he said: "We need such a business as the one you have started here, among our people. It should never be allowed to go down." Bro. T. A. Knott, Elder C. A.

Edwards, Bro. E. A. White and Bro. Monfries, with many others supported the statement made by Elder Manns. Elder J. H. Buckland pledged \$50.00 to be paid at any time for the purpose to re-stock the business.

Elder Manns promised that the Executive Committee of the General Assembly would take a share in the Corporation.

Next was the Treasurer's report, rendered by Bro. W. T. Daly. It was very good and encouraging. The report showed that the Cuban Assembly had carried on its work for the past two years with funds raised within its territory and from its membership. The Assembly was also loyal to the General Assembly in answering all of its calls.

All expressed a gratefulness to God for His blessings upon our work during the past conference year.

W. T. DALY, Sec'y.

The Thirty-second meeting, 3:30 p. m., June 7th, 1925.

Elder Edwards, chairman. Hymn No. 602 was sung. Prayer was offered by Elder J. H. Buckland, after which the photographer came and a large photograph was made.

The Committee on Plans and resolutions rendered its final report, and the following recommendation was adopted.

No. 14. Whereas, there is a growing evil caused by members leaving the Conference Churches, or excommunicated because of un-Christian conduct, and

Whereas, many of them seek refuge among Free Seventh-day Adventists, not from a matter of principle, but for revenge, therefore,

We recommend that our ministers and church officers endeavor to ascertain sane reasons from all such persons who desire membership in our churches.

And we further resolve, That all members who separate themselves from Free Seventh-day Adventists, and afterwards desire to return, that such said members be placed in a special candidate class for instructions from one to three months.

The meeting adjourned.

W. T. DALY, Sec'y.

The Thirty-third meeting, 7:30 o'clock, June 7th, 1925.

This, Sunday night, marked the closing of the Cuban Assem-

bly Session. The meeting was opened with song service by the choir, after which Elders Manns, Edwards and Buckland entered the rostrum. Brethren S. Fuller and E. A. White and Sisters Ellen Grant and Agnes Aikens rendered a quartet entitled "Victory Is Mine," after which hymn No. 619 was sung and prayer was offered by Elder J. H. Buckland. A soul stirring solo was then sung by Elder J. W. Manns. Elder Manns then delivered his farewell sermon. The Committee on Nominations reported, and the following persons were elected officers for the Cuban Assembly:

President—Elder C. A. Edwards.

Vice-President—Elder J. H. Buckland.

Secretary—Bro. W. T. Daly.

Associate Secretary—Sister C. A. Edwards.

Treasurer—Bro. W. T. Daly.

Associate Treasurer—Sister C. A. Edwards.

Auditor—Bro. W. T. Daly.

Sunday School Secretary—Sister C. A. Edwards.

The Executive Committee:

Elder C. A. Edwards, chairman; Bro. W. T. Daly, Secretary; Bros. Uriah Williams, J. Senior, E. A. White, Elder J. H. Buckland, Sister C. A. Edwards.

Missionary Secretary—Bro. W. T. Daly.

Credentials and Licenses were granted the following:

Ministerial Credentials: C. A. Edwards, J. H. Buckland.

Missionary Credentials: E. A. White, W. T. Daly, Uriah Williams, J. N. Senior, Frederick Henry, Mrs. C. A. Edwards.

A liberal offering was then taken, and the Conference adjourned sine die.

W. T. DALY, Sec'y.

C. A. EDWARDS, Pres.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise (a fool).

What are you doing to let your neighbors know the Lord is soon coming?

On every occasion of uneasiness, we should retire to prayer, that we may give place to the grace and light of God!

THE GLORY OF THE CHURCH

(By J. H. Buckland, Moron,
Cuba.)

To The Banner Publishing
Association:

What is the glory of the Church? Answer: And the glory which thou gavest me, I have given them; that they also may be one in us. John 17:21, 22. That they all may be one as thou, Father, art in me and I in Thee.

What will this oneness of God's people do for the world of unbelievers? Answer: That they may believe; so then when God's people are divided, and make divisions, they are preventing the world from believing in Christ and His gospel?

But what does Sister Ellen G. White say is the foundation of His gospel? Read Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 7, page 225.

What is meant by linking up together?

Notice: It is not first a chain, but links, then the smith joins them one in another till at length he produces a perfect chain, in this chain there can be no inferior link.

So if God's people are to be linked up in one perfect chain, then the Seventh-day Adventist Church cannot be divided into two, namely, the White Church and the Colored Church. God's Church is one foundation, therefore there is neither black nor white in Righteousness.

But the people of God attaining to the Righteousness of God through Jesus Christ decides His perfect church on earth.

Since then it is character that decides Righteousness and Unrighteousness, color cannot divide the true Church of God. The Bible says he that doeth right is Righteous even as He (God) is Righteous. Then, who is that man that can divide the superior part of God's Righteousness from the inferior? To those that divide God's Holy Church because of color, know therefore that God's glory cannot be divided to give a portion to the White Church and a portion to the Colored, for I say the glory of God in heaven was not divided and given to Christ, when He came to this world; Jesus left it all with His Father,

and when Jesus had finished the foundation of this Church below He requested His Father to re-glorify Him with the glory which He had with the Father before the foundation of the world; John 17:5.

What is one portion of the glory of this Church? Answer: That this people love as God love, and Christ love, and this was the love of God to Christ, when He was here in this world, God was in Christ even though Christ was dwelling amongst a degraded generation. Yet God was not so superior that He could not dwell in Christ, but He abode in Him till the world was reconciled, God loved Christ as He loved Himself and this is that love that all God's people are to have one for another.

"Now if I love my brother as myself, and still say he is not to be equal with me, Is my love true?"

How did Christ love me, the inferior being of this degraded world? He became one with me. By taking our nature, He took our flesh and blood and even our color. He took our sins upon Himself that He might lift us up to equality with Himself, "Yea, even that we may be made equal with His Father," in that He appoints us to be as perfect even as His Father which is in heaven is perfect. Matt. 5:48.

Reader, think well, if all Christians attain to the perfection of God, and I agree that my brother is superior to me, isn't it agreeing that he is superior to God, with whom I am now equal?

God made all men equal. Acts 17:26. And of one blood, and have fashioned our hearts alike. Psalm 33:15. From this very condition of equality all have retrograded down into one common sinful condition, where there is the superiority of the one above the other? I fail to find it, but I find in Testimony, Vol. 9, page 214, a statement that the colored people should not be urged to be placed upon equality with "white people," and this is a teaching in the only true Church of God in all the earth.

How strange it is, that after we all have done right, and is become as Righteous as God, and are made equal with Him by

attainment, we are not to think ourselves equal with our white brethren? Who are still in this sinful fleshly tabernacle, and are still subject to every deploement of life, if not kept by the grace of God that saved us?

The Prophet Isaiah said "Cry." "And said what shall I "Cry." Isa. 40:6. The answer came, "Cry aloud, spare not; lift up thy voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins." Isa. 58:1.

What, then, is the transgression of my people and the sins of the house of Jacob? Is it not the division made in the Church of Seventh-day Adventists because of color?

In Vol. 9, pages 206-207, we read: Let the colored people or believers be provided with neat, tasteful houses of worship where they can worship by themselves, and they are to be shown that it is not because they are black, but this plan must be followed till the Lord shows us a better way. Reader, how is it that this last commandment given in Vol. 9, pp. 206-207, is found transgressing the commandment given in Vol. 7, p. 225?

Will God's laws and rules contradict themselves in this manner? Does not this statement in Vol. 9, p. 207, which says: Let them understand that this plan must be followed till God shows us a better way?

Show to the wise thinker that God has at last become imperfect and have made mistakes in His plan, and so gives opportunity to men to excel in wisdom, to lay out his plan, giving God a chance to furnish a better one; then if God can't furnish a better one, and this man's plan stands good, then God will have to be converted to man.

This is a dreadful transgression found as doctrine in the Testimony.

Therefore because of this division in the Church, the glory that Christ had given to the Church at the close of His ministry is lost, and her light which had been so precious is gone out, and the forces of the Gentiles and the isles of the seas which should have been connected unto God are groping in darkness, how shall we reinstate the glory? Answer: By reuniting together as Vol. 7, page 225, has

laid the first foundation, which is Christ.

May our Heavenly Father open the eyes of every honest believer and reader to see these things, and be reformed is my prayer.

J. H. BUCKLAND.

It affords me the greatest of pleasure to say a few words in behalf of our Missionary Volunteer Societies here at the Savannah church.

First of all, it is a fact that we have three Societies, viz.: The Home Missionary Volunteer, the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Sr., and the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Jr.

The programs are conducted on Sabbath afternoon, each Society having an afternoon in turn. Upon learning the lesson that a literary program rendered without any work having been accomplished is dead, a number of our members are co-operating with their leaders and accomplishing a good work. We have set a goal for selling literature and giving Bible readings for the month of September, 1925. We are determined by the help of the world's greatest Missionary to succeed. Our motto is: "We can by God's grace if we will."

There is a true saying: "The cause of failure or the secret of success always lies within the Society, not without; it is not the water without the boat that carries it to the bottom; it is the water that gets inside."

I am sure if every church member will decide to become an active worker instead of having someone else to do his part, the Societies will always be on the top until the final goal is reached.

The Missionary Volunteer Working bands have done very good in selling literature for the past six months.

Their report was rendered to the Society as follows:

Band No. 1 Sr.: M. Bonds,

Captain. First Quarter Ending March 31st, 1925:		Books sold, 16.....\$ 4.00
Books sold, 46.....\$11.50		Banners sold, 12.....1.40
The Banner sold, 16.....1.60		Mottoes sold, 9..... .95
Mottoes sold, 19.....1.95		Total\$ 6.35
Song Book sold, 1..... .25		Band No. 5: Bro. I. Johnson,
Testaments sold, 2..... .35		Captain.
	Total\$15.65	First Quarter Ending March
Second Quarter Ending June 30th, 1925:		31st, 1925:
Books sold, 21.....\$ 5.25		Books sold, 28.....\$ 7.00
The Banner sold, 2..... .20		Banners sold, 9..... .90
Mottoes sold, 1..... .35		Magazines sold, 1..... .10
	Total\$ 5.80	Testaments sold, 1..... .25
Band No. 2: Bro. H. Comings, Captain.		Song Book sold, 1..... .25
	First Quarter Ending March	Bibles sold, 2..... 2.75
31st, 1925:		Mottoes sold, 8..... 1.40
Books sold, 35.....\$ 9.00		Total\$12.55
The Banner sold, 20.....2.00		Second Quarter Ending June
Song Book sold, 1..... .25		30th, 1925:
	Total\$11.25	Books sold, 51.....\$13.95
Second Quarter Ending June 30th, 1925:		Banners sold, 28..... 2.80
Books sold, 33.....\$ 7.45		Magazines sold, 32..... 3.20
The Banner sold, 1..... .10		Testaments sold, 1..... .25
	Total\$ 7.55	Bibles sold, 3..... 4.75
Band No. 3 Sr.: V. E. Manns, Captain:		Total\$14.95
	First Quarter Ending March	Children's Band, No. 6: A. B. Brown, Captain:
31st, 1925:		
Books sold, 24.....\$ 6.00		First Quarter Ending March
Banners sold, 3..... .30		31st, 1925:
Magazines sold, 3..... .30		Books sold, 33.....\$ 8.21
Song Book sold, 1..... .25		Banners sold, 12..... 1.20
	Total\$ 6.85	Testaments sold, 45..... 5.45
Second Quarter Ending June 30th, 1925:		Tracts sold, 90..... .98
Books sold, 17.....\$ 4.25		Bibles sold, 1..... 1.60
Banners sold, 9..... .90		Magazines sold, 3..... .30
	Total\$ 5.15	Song Books sold, 2..... .50
Band No. 4 Sr.: F. M. Manns, Captain:		Total\$18.24
	First Quarter Ending March	Second Quarter Ending June
31st, 1925:		30th, 1925:
Books sold, 36.....\$ 9.30		Banners sold, 3..... \$.30
Banners sold, 49..... 4.90		Testaments sold, 14..... 1.60
Mottoes sold, 1..... .30		Tracts sold, 120..... 1.20
Magazines sold, 1..... .10		Sub. for The Banner, 1..... 1.00
	Total\$14.60	Mottoes sold, 33..... 4.00
Second Quarter Ending June 30th, 1925:		Total\$ 8.10
		Grand Total\$127.04
May the blessings of God rest upon every Missionary Volunteer, and may the love of Christ constrain each one to do their uttermost for the advancement of the Third Angel's Message into all the world.		
		MISS E. E. DENNISON.