- **LARGEST BAPTISM IN HISTORY OF THE PANAMA CONFERENCE**

Sunday, June 9th, was the happiest day in all the history of the Panama Conference. We gathered at the bank of a river near the capital at 7:30 a.m. to celebrate one of the most impressive baptism that I have had the privilege of attending. One hundred and eighteen precious souls were buried in baptism as a result of the big tent effort that has been directed by Pastor 0. U. Holness, visiting minister from Jamaica, and W. H. Waller, pas-tor of the Pacific district of Panama. We wish to express our sincere appreciation to these dear brethren, and to all those who have cooperated in making this great evangelistic cam-paign a success. For further details, see the August Messenger. The ministers who performed the rite were 0. U. Holness, W. Hansen Waller, Gerald Williams, R. R. Drachenberg. About 3,000 persons witness-ed this very solemn service, and we hope that many of them received favorably the seed of truth that was sown in their hearts on this occasion. Not only did we have the satisfaction of seeing 118 persons baptized but also we had the largest graduation from o u r Bible Correspondence Course ever held in this conference when 138 persons received their diplomas, thus completing the courses that were offered during the large tent meetings. Of these, 60 completed the Junior Course and 78 the Faith Course. We hope and pray that in the near future all of these graduates will become members of our church. The new baptismal class that has been organised is composed of 72 members. During Elder Holness' meetings the daily paper, The Panama Star and Herald, published an article from some unknown person that felt the call of our Master. We quote a part of this experience: "Sir: "For some time I've been following your controversy over who is the better of two popular dancers. But alas, I have found one who is a better entertainer than either of them. "That man stationed himself some-where in Parque Lefevre. There he preached t o capacity audiences throughout the four nights of carnival "He had no attractive dance pavilion as a base of operations. Instead, all he offered was a drab canvas tent: He had no carnival fever to strengthen his appeal. All he had was his Bible. "There in that unromantic setting that man told me that both these dancers are out of step. I left his tent with a new idea of living. "I was attracted by the large gathering which I mistook for a carnival celebration. When I learned it wasn't, I was so deeply interested that I could not depart. However, the thoughts I carried there departed from me. "I cancelled my plans to dance at the pavilion and informed my date that I was not entering the $50.00' dance contest as we had planned. Though I'm sure I could have won, I have no regrets. I am a greater winner now.., The Lord has been good to us in Panama, and has given us wonderful experiences proving the great power of His Holy Word. —R. R. Drachenberg.



Part of the group of 118 baptismal candidates in Panama. Seated left to right: P. A. Henry (Bible worker), M. Thompson (Bible worker), R. R. Drachenberg, O. U. Holness, C. C. Gordon, C. D. Williams, W. H. Waller

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