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We are Almost Home

“MY brother, my sister, I urge you to prepare for the coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven. Day by day cast the love of the world out of your hearts. Understand by experience what it means to have fellowship with Christ. Prepare for the Judgment. that when Christ shall come, to be admired in all them that believe, you may be among those who will meet Him in peace. In that day the redeemed will shine forth in the glory of the Father and the Son. The angels, touching their golden harps, will welcome the King and His trophies of victory,—those who have been washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb. A song of triumph will peal forth, filling all heaven. Christ has conquered. He enters the heavenly courts, accompanied by His redeemed ones, the witnesses that His mission of suffering and sacrifice has not been in vain. . . .

“There are homes for the pilgrims of earth. There are robes for the righteous, with crowns of glory and palms of victory. All that has perplexed us in the providences of God will in the world to come be made plain. The things hard to be understood will then find explanation. The mysteries of grace will unfold before us. Where our finite minds discovered only confusion and broken promises, we shall see the most perfect and beautiful harmony. We shall know that infinite love ordered the experiences that seemed most trying. As we realize the tender care of Him who makes all things work together for our good, we shall rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

“Pain can not exist in the atmosphere of heaven. In the home of the redeemed, there will be no tears, no funeral trains, no badges of mourning. ‘The inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.’ Isaiah. 33:24. One rich tide of happiness will flow and deepen as eternity rolls on. . . .

“It will not be long till we shall see Him in whom our hopes of eternal life are centered. And in His presence, all the trials and sufferings of this life will be as nothingness. ‘Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry.’ Heb. 10:35-37. Look up, look up, and let your faith continually increase. Let this faith guide you along the narrow path that leads through the gates of the city of God into the great beyond, the wide, unbounded future of glory that is for the redeemed. ‘Be patient therefore brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.’ James 5:7,8.” *“Testimonies,” Vol. 9, pp. 285-288.*

ONWARD, EVER ONWARD

"Our General, who never makes a mistake, says to us, 'Advance. Enter new territory. Lift up the standard in every land...' Our watchword is to be, Onward, ever onward." "Testimonies," Vol 6, pp. 28, 29.

Like the early disciples we have been "slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken." However, the command from our great General, quoted above, has not been entirely disregarded by God's remnant people. New territory has been entered; the standard of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus has been lifted in many lands; a great work has been accomplished in gathering believers from every clime, and from many tongues; God has blessed His self-sacrificing servants, who have so liberally contributed to the advancement of this blessed work; He has poured out His Spirit upon those who have "forsaken all" in obedience to the word of command, and have gone forth into the darkest regions of earth, bearing the banner of their great Leader; many have been astonished at the marvelous results that have followed the consecrated and tireless efforts of our dear people.

While we unitedly thank God for all that has been accomplished in the advancement of this precious truth in many lands, we lift up our eyes upon the ripened fields in still other lands and see the fruit bending low because of its weight; but not a single reaper is there to gather in the precious harvest. Storm clouds are gathering that herald the rapid approach of the great day of God's wrath; and the lengthening shadows of the evening tell us unmistakably of the coming of the "night when no man can work."

Knowing these things as we do, we must confess, with humility of heart, to a sad degree of indifference and spiritual slothfulness manifested in our failure to accomplish more in this great spiritual conquest of the world.

"As the disciples, filled with the power of the Spirit, went forth to proclaim the gospel, so God's servants are to go forth today. Filled with an unselfish desire to give the message of mercy to those who are in the darkness of error and unbelief, we are to take up the Lord's work. He gives us our part to do in cooperation with Him, and He will also move on the hearts of unbelievers to carry forward His work in the regions beyond. Already many are receiving the Holy Spirit, and no longer will the way be blocked by listless indif-

ference." "Testimonies," Vol. 7, pp. 32, 33.

From the northern boundary of Mexico, through Central America and the northern part of South America to the eastern boundary of the Guianas, many aboriginal Indian tribes reside. Altogether these number many millions. Very little has yet been done by this division to bring the truth to those peoples. It is encouraging to know that at least a beginning has been made for the Indians of Mexico and Salvador. And all are familiar with the report that came to us of the splendid beginning made by Elder Davis for the Indians near Mt. Roraima, British Guiana,

CAN I? DARE I?

*Many lives by sin are darkened,
With their skies as lead above,
Feeling naught but heavy burdens,
Knowing not a Saviour's love.
Jesus loves me,—died for sinners!
Can I keep such news alone?
Can I taste its wondrous sweetness
And not strive to make it known?*

*Many seek the virgin Mary—
From the living to the dead!
Yet their pleadings—oh the pity!—
Rise no higher than the head.
I, who know a Saviour living,
Know His intercession kind,
Can I, dare I, not present Him
To relieve their gropings blind?*

*Many hear of threatened earthquake;
And their hearts grow faint with
dread—
Read of storms and wars and famine,
With no ray of light ahead.
Knowing these are simply signals
That our King is at the door,
Dare I walk in selfish silence,
And their piteous fears ignore?*

*Can I hope with joy to meet Him,
Or in peace, with conscience clear,
If I fail to spread the tidings
That His coming draweth near?
To calamities approaching
Dare I leave them with heads bared,
Thus to face the day of vengeance
Of their God all unprepared?*

*Jesus is my Lord and Master,
He has died to save the lost;
In His footsteps if I follow
Will my patience soon exhaust?
Can I joy in Christ my Saviour
Yet to these not make Him known?
Never! Yea, nor empty-handed
Can I e'er be saved alone!*

PEARL WAGGONER HOWARD.

and of the sad fact that it was cut short by his untimely death. Definite plans are now being laid for the resumption of this work at an early date.

Perhaps the most fruitful mission field in the world has been found among the Indians of Lake Titicaca, South America. So far as we can see, there seems to be every reason for expecting an equally large harvest of souls from the Indians in many parts of this division.

It is impossible to carry the light of this precious message of salvation that has brought such blessings to our own hearts, unless we have the united support of our dear people. The burden of this work cannot be laid upon our people in America, it must primarily rest upon the believers of the Inter-American division. God has placed these Indians in our midst; and having given the light of truth to us, He expects us to pass it on to those nearest us who are enshrouded in the deepest darkness.

To make it possible for us to undertake this work we must have larger mission offerings from our people. We must set our mission goal higher, and never rest till the goal has been reached and till the work is finished. Our division mission goal stands at 15 cents per member per week. In 1922 we raised 11.3 cents per member. In 1923, 11.7 cents per member, and in 1924, 13.7 cents per member per week. This shows an increase of 2 cents per week per member for 1924 over 1923. Let us unite in an earnest endeavor to raise our mission offerings above the 15 cents goal for 1925.

Remember our watchword "Onward, Ever Onward." E. E. ANDROSS.

OUR MID-YEAR RALLY DAY

Dear Young Friends: Do you know that next month we are to celebrate our Mid-year Rally in our Missionary Volunteer work? What will be the records of your society at that time? We shall then stand on the threshold between the two halves of this new year—as we called it a short time ago. One half of it will then be gone! Gone with its records! Gone with its opportunities! Gone to return no more!

We knew that it would melt away just like this; so you may remember that we set before ourselves a definite goal for 1925. It calls for

3,000 members in our societies by December 31,
150 to draw Standard of Attainment certificates,
250 to complete the Bible Year, and
175 young people converted and baptized.



WORKERS' ROUND TABLE

FOR STUDYING
OUR MUTUAL PROBLEMS

SHORT SERMONS ON HEALTH REFORM

"Reform, continual reform, must be kept before the people, and by our example we must enforce our teaching. True religion and the laws of health go hand in hand. It is impossible to work for the salvation of men and women without presenting to them the need of breaking away from sinful gratifications, which destroy the health, debase the soul, and prevent divine truth from impressing the mind." *"Testimonies," Vol. 7, p. 137.*

"A neglect to conform in every particular to God's requirements means certain failure and loss to the wrong-doer." *"Testimonies," Vol. 7, p. 199.*

"Keep the work of health reform to the front, is the message I am instructed to bear. Show so plainly its value that a wide-spread need for it will be felt. Abstinence from all hurtful food and drink is the fruit of true religion. He who is thoroughly converted will abandon every injurious habit and appetite. By total abstinence he will overcome his desire for health-destroying indulgences." *"Testimonies," Vol. 9, p. 113.*

"Our people are constantly retrograding upon health reform. Satan sees that he cannot have such a controlling power over them as he could if appetite were indulged. Under the influence of unhealthful food, the conscience becomes stupefied, the mind becomes darkened, and its susceptibility to impressions is blunted. But because violated conscience is benumbed and becomes insensible, the guilt of the transgressor is not lessened." *"Testimonies," Vol. 3, p. 569.*

"The question of how to preserve the health is one of primary importance. When we study this question in the fear of God, we shall learn that it is best, for both our physical and spiritual advancement to observe simplicity in diet. Let us patiently study this question." *"Testimonies," Vol. 9, p. 153.*

"Our habits of eating and drinking show whether we are of the world, or among the number whom the Lord by His mighty cleaver of truth has separated from the world." *"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 372.*

"Much that is for the benefit of all to understand has been written for the special purpose of instruction in the principles of health. Those who study and practice these principles will be greatly blessed both physically and spiritually." *"Testimonies," Vol. 7, p. 63.*

"Recklessness in regard to bodily health tends to recklessness in morals." *"Testimonies," Vol. 7, p. 65.*

"The work of health reform is the Lord's means for lessening suffering in our world and for purifying His church." *"Testimonies," Vol. 9, p. 112.*

"Eat only plain, simple, wholesome food, and thank God constantly for the principles of health reform." *"Testimonies," Vol. 9, p. 163.*

"The abuses of the stomach by the gratification of appetite, are the fruitful source of most church trials. Those who eat and work intemperately and irrationally, talk and act irrationally. An intemperate man cannot be a patient man. It is not necessary to drink alcoholic liquors in order to be intemperate. The sin of intemperate eating, eating too frequently, too much, and of rich, unwholesome food, destroys the healthy action of the digestive organs, affects the brain, and perverts the judgment, pre-

Will July find us at least half way toward that goal? Is your society half way toward its share of it? How many members will you have by the close of the year? As Missionary Volunteers are you living up to your pledge? Are you daily striving to become better workers for the Master? Does every week record some strong personal effort by every member of your society for some of the young people around you?

As members, will you not individually test your own loyalty to the Missionary Volunteer pledge before Rally Day comes? And then will you not strive diligently to strengthen every weak point, that by the help of the Master there may be a genuine ring of victory in your testimony on Rally Day?

Our purpose is to have every Christian young person a member of the Missionary Volunteer organization; every member, a worker; and then to have every worker trained. This should also be the plan in every church; and from the good reports that come into the division office, I am happy to believe that our believers are making an effort in this direction.

But again the question comes home to you and me, as members of this splendid organization: Am I doing what the Master *reasonably* can expect of me to make this the best year ever? Am I more faithful than ever before in the observance of the Morning Watch? in the Bible Year? in my personal effort to win others? in seizing every opportunity to improve myself and to help others? If not; surely I am not doing what the Master *reasonably* can expect of me!

It behooves you and me to remember that when the Master comes for our final report, He will not call upon us to report as a division, nor even as societies, *but as individuals*. None of us can hide behind our faithful neighbor then. And today our Master is counting on each one of us doing our very best to make the Inter-American division, of the world-wide army of Missionary Volunteers, the strong invincible force that it should be in the rapidly closing conflict. Every Missionary Volunteer is responsible for one space in that great army!

But should the Master on Rally Day ask: "Child, how are you getting on with the task?" Could you say: "Master I have done my best—Obeyed Thy voice each day, stood every test"? Or would you beg with grief and pain: "O, Master, let me try again"?

"The success and the power of this message are in the message itself."

venting rational, calm, healthy thinking and acting. And this is a fruitful source of church trials." *"Testimonies," Vol. 1, pp. 618, 619.*

"Our gracious heavenly Father sees the deplorable condition of men who, some knowingly but many ignorantly, are living in violation of the laws that He has established. And in love and pity to the race He causes the light to shine upon health reform." *"Testimonies," Vol. 3, p. 161.*

"Since the fall, there has been a rapid increase of disease, suffering, and death. Yet notwithstanding man has insulted his Creator, God's love is still extended to the race; and He permits light to shine, that man may see that, in order to live a perfect life, he must live in harmony with those natural laws which govern his being. Therefore it is of the greatest importance that he know how to live so that his powers of body and mind may be exercised to the glory of God." *"Testimonies," Vol. 3, p. 163.*

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WINNING TEN PERCENT

Evidences, multiplying on every hand, indicate that the Lord's plan for the finishing of the work, is, that every lay-member of the church is to act a prominent part in the sounding of the message. In "Great Controversy," page 606, we read: "As the time comes for the third angel's message to be given with greatest power, the Lord will work through humble instruments. . . . They will be qualified rather by the unction of His Spirit than by the training of literary institutions."

We have long looked forward to the time when this inspired prediction would be fulfilled,—when "servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven." A letter recently received from a brother in Jamaica who has passed the seventieth mile-post of his life, indicates that the time is at hand. This brother, although obliged to work hard to provide for his family, is so filled with zeal in the sounding of the message, that he takes advantage of every opportunity of going into the highways and hedges to tell people of the soon coming Saviour, and of other truths for this time.

This worker keeps a record of his missionary work, and his letter states that during the first three months of this year he labored personally with 130 individuals, and that 13 of these have decided for the truth. One out of every ten is an excellent record, and suggests what may be accomplished when such earnestness is manifested by all the members of the remnant church.

The feature of this report which is worthy of careful consideration, is the fact that these thirteen persons were won by personal effort. This brother does not have the ability to conduct public services; but the Spirit has demonstrated that He will cooperate with the personal touch and influence of the individual soul-winner, whose life is pure and consecrated.

The time has come for "hundreds and thousands" to be engaged in this work of "visiting families, and opening before them the word of God." The Lord is calling upon many today to engage in this work; but the significance of the call, and of the solemn time in which we are living does not appear to be appreciated by many.

C. E. WOOD.

WE GIVE THEE THANKS

*For all the true words that have been spoken,
For all the brave deeds that have been done,
For every loaf in kindness broken,
For every race in valor run,
For martyr lips that have not failed
To give God praise and smile to rest,
For knightly souls that have not quailed
At stubborn strife or lonesome quest;
Lord, unto whom we stand in thrall,
We give Thee thanks for all, for all.*

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PREPARING FOR ADVANCE

In company with Pastor and Sister Parsons, I have been visiting southern Mexico, Guatemala, Salvador, and Honduras. Pastor H. J. Winter accompanied us to Guatemala, where he remained, while we went on to Salvador. Later we rejoined him in Honduras. We were very pleased to note the progress of our work in each mission we visited. Everywhere we saw God's hand preparing our workers and laity for the finishing of the third angel's message.

In Guatemala we visited two of our churches,—the Guatemala City church, where every member is a reporting missionary, and the Quezaltenango church, whose members, though newer in the

faith, are eager to do all in their power to spread the message. This mission has three good efficient colporteurs who are enjoying soul-saving success, as well as financial prosperity. Brother E. F. Pohle, secretary and treasurer, as well as temporary superintendent of this mission, plans to start out more colporteurs soon; and we expect to see a great work done with our literature among the practically untouched tribes of Guatemala Indians, which are very numerous throughout the country.

We visited several churches in Salvador and found practically all the members reporting missionaries. Our workers there believe, and put into practice, the teachings of the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy, that every Seventh-day Adventist should be a reporting, working missionary. Pastor Howard, the superintendent of the Salvador mission, and Brother Jones, the secretary-treasurer, are pledging their untiring support and cooperation in an effort to cover their field with the printed message. They lost their colporteurs last month when school opened, but are now starting out three new bookmen.

Leaving Salvador, we reached Honduras in time to attend the mission camp-meeting held at La Ceiba, a beautiful little seaport city. Pastor Lorntz, the new superintendent of Honduras, who feels it his duty to push every department of our work, gave the colporteur and home missionary departments an hour each, every day during the session; and Pastor and Sister Parsons, Pastors Lorntz, Winter, and Overstreet urged our people to give their whole lives to work in either of these great soul saving channels.

Although many of our believers in this mission were unable to attend this convention, because of financial straits caused by a recent destruction of their crops by hurricanes, we were agreeably surprised at the number who attended, despite this disaster. The regular preaching services each evening found

the tent packed, and a large number of people standing outside. The larger per cent of this crowd, of course, were not believers; but throughout the day, the Bible studies and departmental meetings had a fairly good attendance by our own people and interested persons.

Besides the regular colporteurs' recruiting meeting, the writer gave regular instruction in Christian salesmanship each day, excepting Sabbaths. To insure the success of the new colporteurs, Brother F. E. Cary, a colporteur of long experience, has been asked to assist these workers as field missionary secretary until other arrangements can be made. These God-fearing, earnest colporteur evangelists, dear reader, will need your supporting prayers every day of the year; and in this way you can share with them the joy and reward of their soul saving wages.

J. B. NELSON.

MEDICAL AND SCHOOL WORK

(Through the kindness of Pastor Howard, we have the pleasure of giving you this, another glimpse of the work in Salvador.)

"La Loma, Salvador, April, 1925
"Dear Elder Howard:

"You asked me, in your last letter, to tell you more in detail about our work here,—especially the medical work.

"The medical work comes first in importance, it seems. At least it is the most important to me, because I have so much to do in that line. Almost every one has some ailment or other—if no other than several bad teeth. Among the hundreds of mouths that have looked into, I can safely say that I have found no more than four or five in which there were perfect sets of teeth. Most have teeth from three to all of which should be pulled immediately because they cause all kinds of troubles aside from toothache.

"About two weeks ago, someone brought horses over from Michapa for me to go to see a woman there who was very sick. I have been going to Michapa nearly every day since; and this woman still sends horses for me. We should have some horses of our own, for many neither have horses of their own to send nor are they able to get any. Last Thursday at Michapa and vicinity I treated fifty-nine patients before I finally reached home at about 10:00 o'clock at night.

"This morning we were a little late in having breakfast; and before we finally got around to it,



A band of colporteurs in Honduras

I had treated twelve persons. As soon as I could eat a hearty breakfast, we had to start for Michapa. This is about the way things go from one day to the next.

"I think that this medical work can truly be made the entering wedge among these people. At Michapa the other day, a priest came to the house where I was treating the woman who first sent for me, and tried to stop my work. But the people continue to send for me every day. I took a number of tracts with me one day. The people literally grabbed for them, and there were not enough for all who wanted them, so I had to promise to bring more the next time I came.

"HUBERT V. CLYMER."

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FORGING AHEAD IN COLOMBIA

The cause is slowly but surely making headway in the large and needy republic of Colombia. Things are not done in a day nor even in a month in Colombia; but usually it takes years to accomplish that which would be considered of small moment in other more modern countries.

Living is very expensive, due to absurdly high freight rates. It costs more to send a ton of canned foodstuffs to Bogota from Giradot, the river terminus, eight hours by train from Bogota, than it does to send the same quantity from New York to Barranquilla.

We are glad to be able to say that Protestantism, along with a more tolerant attitude toward religion in general, is making decided progress in Colombia; and especially is this true of the coast cities.

Fanaticism and religious feeling run high in many parts of the republic; and we have to be very careful that we do not unduly bring down the wrath of the state church officials upon us and also possible embarrassment upon our work. The following incident will illustrate the power that Rome has over the state. During a large procession in Bogota, which was attended by all of the notables of the capital, the papal nuncio rode in an upholstered coach carried by prominent men, while the president of the republic, with bared head, came along on foot directly behind him.

We have a good nucleus for member-

ship in our churches in Colombia; and patient, persevering effort coupled with earnest prayer will bring up the numbers.

We believe that the most successful way of reaching the upper classes is by medical evangelism and colporteur work. We are brought thus into contact with people who will never come to our public meetings. I wish to say that *El Centimela* is doing a splendid work among a good class of people and letters of appreciation of this magazine are coming constantly into the office at Bogota.

Mrs. Brayshaw and I had the privilege of assisting quite a number of the natives, as well as foreigners, from a medical standpoint, and took advantage of every occasion possible to instill some of our principles and points of the message into their hearts. We believe that quite a goodly number of friends have been won to the cause; and we sincerely pray that some of this number will take a firm stand for the truth while there is still opportunity.

NORMAN M. BRAYSHAW.

A VISIT TO THE MOSQUITO CAYS

The Mosquito Cays, in the waters of the Mosquito Bank, are comprised almost entirely of swampy marshes about 130 miles north and west of San Andres island. Although uninhabited, these islands most of the year are very interesting to the prospective missionary; for in their peaceful harbor, fleets of schooners from the island of Grand Cayman, British West Indies, find a haven of safety.

During the week these vessels fish for turtles out in the open ocean off the Mosquito Bank, miles and miles away from the Cays. At the end of each week, they all retire to the smooth waters in the harbor of the Mosquito Cays, where the fishermen dry their nets, and attend to the turtles caught during the week. And again on Monday morning with the peep of dawn they sail away in quest of more turtles.

With no thought of visiting these islands, we sailed away from Colon on the "Pearl Marie" on the 10th of February, hoping to arrive in San Andres about two days later. But we soon realized that this was a vain hope, for the wind was against us, blowing from about the direction in which our sail boat should go.

After several days at sea came another great disappointment. The captain discovered that one of his instruments was out of order. Finally he told us

that we were in about the latitude of San Andres; but whether we were east of the island or the island east of us, was the doubtful question. Assuming our position east, we steered off west, and four hours later found ourselves on a depth of 18 fathoms on the bank off the coast of Nicaragua. This again increased the disappointment and anxiety of the seventeen persons on board the vessel; for the wind had shifted and was now blowing from an easterly direction,—the very direction we should sail to reach San Andres.

Setting our sails in the position in which our small bark could sail closest to the wind, our brave captain drove her north for 21 hours, covering a distance of 130 miles. On Sunday afternoon we cast anchor, in the safe harbor of the Mosquito Cays among eleven fishing vessels that were spending the week-end there. Some of these sailing vessels had 50 and 80 tons capacity and each carried a crew of from seven to ten men. Thus from 80 to 100 persons spend from Saturday evening to Monday morning in the Mosquito Cays.

Soon the "Pearl Marie" listed on one side because of the crowd that came aboard to welcome us. In the crowd I found two former acquaintances,—one a first cousin of my wife. He was in charge of one of the large schooners and invited me on board his boat. While on his boat, just before sunset, and in the presence of a company of visitors from some of the other schooners, we began to visit about the Bible, following chiefly their own questions.

I never before found people so interested in subjects so new to their minds. For over two hours, after it became dark, we studied down in the cabin where we had access to a lamp and a Bible. I did not hear one opposing note. The men told me that there are many Seventh-day Adventists on Grand Cayman.

It was my privilege to leave these people 103 pages of literature, including my Sabbath school quarterly on the life of Christ, two copies of the little book, Armageddon, and one package of 25 tracts, each on doctrinal points of faith.

Finally, seven days after leaving Colon, we reached San Andres. The young lady passengers suffered much. Personally I lost twelve pounds from the time I left the island until I got back, a period of twenty days.

Let us pray that this unexpected visit to the Mosquito Cays may prove a great blessing to all whom we met there.

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THE CONVENTION IN MEXICO

It was my privilege, in company with Elder Andross, to attend the convention held in Mexico City, beginning the 5th of May, just preceding the annual meeting of the full Union Mission Committee. Arriving a little late, we found Elder W. W. Eastman, from the General Conference Publishing Department, and Brother J. B. Nelson, field missionary secretary of the Aztec Union, leading out in very practical discussions of various phases of the publishing work. It has not been possible to have a large force of field missionary and tract society secretaries in this union, but the superintendents of the local missions are cooperating in an active way with the publishing department, and these men were all present and entered very enthusiastically into all the discussions.

A carefully prepared outline was followed in the convention program, covering the work of field missionary, tract society, and home missionary secretaries; and a lively interest was manifested in applying the general principles of our publishing department program to the conditions existing in this great, stretched-out union.

It was rather interesting to learn that with the exception of one man, the entire delegation of mission superintendents and other workers had had experience in the colporteur field. All, therefore, took a very keen interest in the consideration of every question that bore any relation to the task of circulating gospel literature in its various forms, for they had seen the helpful results that come where our literature is allowed to do its work.

One of the workers attending the convention told me of his efforts to get a foothold in the region to which he had been assigned. He tried first to win his way by following the work of a medical missionary, for which he was well qualified. But so little was gained that it was finally decided to try to open up school work. This brought no greater success. Finally in desperation, he took out a few copies of our books. He was successful in placing a copy of "Great Controversy" in a home. A marked interest was quickly developed as a result of reading this volume, and now the brother finds that the purchaser and his wife, a brother and wife, and the father and mother are preparing for baptism, having fully accepted the truths revealed in this book. And this is no unusual report. Instances are numerous of a quick fruition in various parts of Mexico.

The superintendents pledged their most earnest cooperation to the field missionary secretaries in their program of greatly strengthening the colporteur forces. The plan of placing resident colporteurs in various sections was fully accepted. They will attempt to train colporteurs, as is being done in the homeland, to make a certain field their permanent territory, and re-work that territory year by year. The logical result of such a method is a more systematic and thorough circulation of literature in the homes of the people.

The combination plan was adopted as a regular plan for all the colporteurs. This means that the colporteur will endeavor to secure a subscription for the Spanish magazine, *El Centinela*, with every book he sells, and then month by month for a year the purchaser will receive a copy of the paper, which will in various ways present vital points of truth. The monthly application of truth accomplishes more than a single yearly application, and the workers feel that the more extensively this method of circulating the literature is followed, the more rapidly will the gospel be carried to the millions in this union territory.

Similar plans will doubtless be adopted in the conventions in the other two unions, so it will be advisable to wait until the other meetings are held before trying to report proceedings more fully. A general report for the conventions in the entire Division will follow in due time.

As I write, the union committee is laying plans for further development of our work in this great union. The field, spreading from the southern border of California to the northern border of Nicaragua, is at least three thousand miles long, fully as great a stretch as the United States from coast to coast. Though there are many great difficulties and problems, the brethren are inspired with courage to press forward, and plant the standard of truth among some of the many Indian tribes that constitute the real natives of these countries.

Shortly we shall cross over to Cuba for the convention and union meeting of the Antillian Union. We go from the Aztec Union meeting with a deeper conviction than ever that God will do a marvelous work in the fields of Mexico, Guatemala, Salvador, and Honduras. The appeals for men to help carry the message into great sections now open to our workers are most pathetic. May the God of heaven strengthen the hands of His children who are devoting their lives to the work of proclaiming the message in these countries, as well as in other parts of the Inter-American Division. H. C. K.

RESIDENT COLPORTAGE

"A colporteur evangelist whose name is Tan Giao, has done exceptional work in Indo-China. My attention has several times been arrested by the success with which this brother has met from year to year. So I made bold to investigate and learn the following report.

"Tan Giao canvasses the same territory year after year. The record shows that each succeeding year brings greater success in literature sales and in winning souls to the Third Angel's Message. The people in his field soon learned to like this colporteur evangelist,

and they welcomed him to their shops as though he was an old time friend just returned from a trip around the world. He gained their confidence, and with but little persuasion he sold a book or took a year's subscription to a magazine. Now he does not question whether they will give him an order, but assumes each will place his name on the dotted line. Whenever he found a soul who was interested in the truth, Tan Giao returned in the evening and studied the Bible with him. His efforts have won to the truth a number of the people who are now keeping the commandments of God in the spot where he is humbly laboring.

"This is an ideal method for our colporteur evangelists to follow. It gives them an opportunity to live in the center of their district, and let their lights shine out to those who are not believers. It enables the colporteur to visit the very borders of his territory, and yet often return to his home. Covering his domain several years in succession, and winning the confidence of the people who live there, he will in the end reap a rich harvest of souls from the seed he has sown.

"The experience of Tan Giao is an object lesson. Let

us plan immediately to train our workers to become Resident Colporteur Evangelists, and soon each Mission Director will tell us that the Resident Colporteur is his greatest asset."

The above is from J. J. Strahle in the *Far Eastern Promoter*, and with the statement from Elder Eastman that if this plan had been followed years ago we would ere this have been in the Kingdom, it seems to be a suggestion well worth the study of our field men in recruiting their colporteurs.

NOTES FROM THE PRESS

A good many shipments have been going out just the last month. Trinidad has taken eight cases of books, mostly "Home Physician" and "Practical Guide;" Jamaica has a few cases of Crisis books on the way; good-sized mail orders of large books have been mailed to Guatemala and Honduras; and Mexico has received the very last of the Spanish "Guide" cloth the publishers had left, nearly 900 in all. So we are expecting that the decrease our May sales report shows compared with May of last year, will much more than be covered, and we can keep right on climbing ahead of 1924 sales.

Sister Edmed writes from the Leeward Islands Mission, which is getting a nice start, about the colporteurs' institute held there, and says: "We have had a nice little institute, and instead of three or four colporteurs as we expected, we have ten."

"EL CENTINELA" CIRCULATION MAY 1925

Cuba	3,576
Dominicana	400
Porto Rico	405
<i>Antillian Union</i>	4,381
Guatemala	200
Honduras	180
Mexico	2,286
Salvador	229
<i>Astec Union</i>	2,895
Colombia	481
Venezuela	298
West Caribbean	345
<i>Caribbean Union</i>	1,124
INTER-AMERICA	8,400
Arizona	42
California	23
Central California	29
North Texas	19
South California	223
Southeast Calif.	29
South Texas	243
Miscl. States	48
<i>United States</i>	656
<i>Philippine Islands</i>	31
<i>Miscl. Foreign</i>	39
<i>Total Outside Inter-America</i>	726
TOTAL, May, 1925	9,126
<i>Circulation, April, 1925</i>	9,370
<i>Circulation, May, 1924</i>	17,434

SALES REPORT BY UNIONS, MAY, 1925

CENTRAL AMERICAN BRANCH, PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSN.

	Subscription	Trade	Educa.	Tracts	Total
Antillian Union	1,228.90	224.60	3.00	55.75	1,512.25
Aztec Union	5,375.00	117.85	....	40.75	5,533.60
Caribbean Union	2,981.85	163.70	83.10	27.05	3,255.70
<i>Inter-America</i>	9,585.75	506.15	86.10	123.55	10,301.55
Total, May, 1925	9,585.75	506.15	86.10	123.55	10,301.55
Total, May, 1924	12,391.70	773.65	26.20	17.80	13,209.35
Decreases	2,805.95	267.50	59.90	105.75	2,907.80
			(Increase)	(Increase)	

SALES REPORT, JANUARY TO MAY, 1925

Bahamas	207.25	194.80	131.10	2.50	417.65
Cuba	7,692.25	337.85	6.25	66.85	8,103.20
Dominicana	630.00	65.55	....	41.00	736.55
Haiti	15.40	87.50	....	....	102.90
Jamaica	276.50	493.20	71.70	14.25	855.65
Porto Rico	991.50	218.65	.90	29.85	1,240.90
<i>Antillian Union</i>	9,812.90	1,397.35	91.95	154.45	11,456.85
Guatemala	3,146.50	77.85	....	68.50	3,292.85
Honduras	3,147.50	333.15	68.70	22.00	3,571.35
Mexico	8,108.00	352.05	1.10	103.55	8,564.70
Salvador	1,210.00	72.35	....	10.90	1,293.25
<i>Aztec Union</i>	15,612.00	835.40	69.80	204.95	16,722.15
Colombia	4.00	36.70	12.75	18.90	72.35
Guiana	....	27.95	....	....	27.95
Leeward Islands	1,440.50	288.50	....	12.05	1,741.05
South Caribbean	2,432.00	191.00	31.75	14.75	2,669.50
Venezuela	5,224.05	47.35	7.00	....	5,278.40
West Caribbean	4,211.25	678.65	398.20	38.40	5,326.50
<i>Caribbean Union</i>	13,311.80	1,270.15	449.70	84.10	15,115.75
INTER-AMERICA	38,736.70	3,503.10	611.45	443.50	43,294.75
P. P. Branches	1,280.70	1.00	....	4.20	1,285.90
Other S. D. A.	4.40	.50	....	....	4.90
Miscellaneous	....	10.00	2.95	.25	13.20
GRAND TOTAL	40,021.80	3,514.60	614.40	447.95	44,598.75
Jan. to May, 1924	26,838.00	3,087.05	474.65	202.60	30,602.30
Increases	13,183.80	427.55	139.75	245.35	13,996.45

THE SABBATH SCHOOL WORK IN EUROPE

The Sabbath School work in the European Division presents one of the most interesting problems in the world-wide work of Seventh-day Adventists. It is no small task for our publishing houses to supply the field with Sabbath school lessons for adults in 27 languages. So far as we have been able to learn nothing has been done to put the lessons into the 35 or 40 other languages in which we are working in this division. The children's lessons we have in only 13 languages. Thus much remains to be done for the children.

The Sabbath school membership stood at 78,098 at the close of the third quarter. This is 3,513 more than the church membership. The Sabbath school offering continues to grow, showing an increase of \$1,004.63 for the third quarter over the second. This is more remarkable in view of the fact that the Week of Sacrifice, the Jubilee Sabbath, and other occasions of special offerings fell in the third quarter in many fields. Some progress is being made on reaching the goal of an amount in the Sabbath school offerings equaling 25 per cent of the tithe.

The Polish Union as a whole is deserving special mention. It is the only union to reach, as a union, the financial goal, and it lacked only 19 of reaching the membership goal. Yet Poland is not an easy field nor are our members there rich in this world's goods. Brother Isaac writes: "The local authorities are beginning to cause our people more and more trouble in Volhynia and in the northeast section of the old Russian territory. They are forbidding religious meetings of every kind, unless there are 50 signatures to a petition for such meetings."

Again he writes: "Sometimes when I visit our people and see their poverty in earthly things, my heart bleeds. Some of them are sometimes giving more than they are able, but their love for this movement enables them to do what is almost impossible. A sister, sending in her tithes and Sabbath school offerings, made the following statement: 'We are sending the tithe and Sabbath school offerings, but we are sorry that we cannot send a donation for the church extension fund, which you mention in the circular to the churches, but we are not able. Some days we do not have our daily bread, but we trust in God, knowing that He will not forsake us.' Of their poverty our dear brethren and sisters in Poland are giving as much in proportion to their tithe as do our members in America. Pray for the believers in Poland as well as for other difficult fields in this great European Division.

L. L. CAVINESS.

THE LIST WAS LOST

In a city and province of Eastern Europe, the battle line swayed back and forth six times during the war. For months our people were in great peril, yet ever the Lord cared for them. But one day the soldiers of the revolutionists captured the city, and they declared that some of the wealthy men, as well as some of the intellectual leaders, should be killed.

They made out a list of one hundred men who were to be shot. Our minister in that city was the fifth on the list. Word was sent to him by some friends who had seen the list that he was sentenced to die. His wife, children, and others counselled him to flee, but he decided that he ought to stay.

Some days later he and his family saw the soldiers coming across an empty space toward the house. They carried the list in their hands as they went from place to place to shoot the citizens who were to die.

The children were frightened and begged

their father to flee; but he gathered his little family by the window and knelt down and began to pray. They saw the group of soldiers coming closer and closer; but they kept on praying. Suddenly a gust of wind tore the paper out of the hand of the soldier carrying the death list. The men hurried after it, but it seemed to be whirled away and they could not find it. They stood for a while counselling in front of the brother's house, wondering what to do. Then they left, and did not return.—L. H. Christian, in the "Missionary Worker."

THE CALL TO SERVICE

Have you heard the call to service,
In the army of the Lord?
Fierce the conflict, Jesus needs you,
Go in faith and give His word.

O the bliss and joy in heaven,
As we meet around the throne,
And the crown of life is given,
To the souls that we have won.

If you cannot work for Jesus
On some distant foreign shore,
You can do the work that's nearest,
Help to save men at your door.

Take the books, the tracts, the papers
To your neighbors and your friends;
God will bless all earnest labor,
With the joy that never ends.

Hasten while probation lingers,
Rescue men from death and sin,
Show them how to follow Jesus
And eternal life to win.

—Selected.

SAVED FROM THE POWER OF OPIUM

While in Batavia a few weeks ago I had the privilege of visiting one of our oldest Chinese brethren. He was fast failing in health and from old age, and knew that his time in this life would not be long, but his hope for the next world was very bright. In reviewing his life with its struggles and victories, he told me this story, which I pass on.

When a young man he was very successful financially, and became quite rich; but with luxury and ease he fell into many bad habits. One of these was the use of opium. This habit grew on him until he became its slave. His opium bill was many hundred each month. His addiction to this habit soon brought him to a state where he could do but little work, and where his fortune was nearly gone. He tried many times to break the terrible habit, but could not.

About this time one of our evangelists came to his part of the town, and the man's wife became interested, and soon accepted the message. He also wanted to obey, but the terrible opium habit held him fast. After some time of study and prayer, he decided to make a desperate effort to get free. He called our workers and asked them to unite in prayer for him. They came, and prayed that God would liberate him from the power of opium. This man right there took the promises of God by faith, and, said he, "I have never used opium since that time." His face lighted up with joy as he told how the Lord had saved him.

I have thought much of this man's experience. I have said to my soul, If God could save that man from opium, he surely can save me from any other sin. Truly, the same God lives, and He is just as willing to save now as in days gone by when we lay hold of His promises by faith.—L. V. Finster, in "Far Eastern Division Outlook."

WORDS OF CHEER

A cable received by the General Conference from Africa, said: "Thirteenth Sabbath School overflow set twenty-five languages singing hall-lujahs." Shall we not thank the Lord and try to do better in our next opportunity to help a needy field with our thirteenth Sabbath offerings?

Recently when one of our ministers held meeting for the public over in Norway, from 1,300 to 1,500 attended every evening. It is said to be the largest attendance that we have ever had at our meetings there since Elder Matteson first went to Norway in 1878. Over in London similar meetings have drawn audiences of from 2,000 to 3,000; while up in Finland about 4,000 came out to hear the last message of mercy proclaimed by one of our ministers there.

In 1899, in Janesville, Wisconsin, was organized an association of Christian commercial travelers, the Gideons, whose object is to win business men and commercial travelers to Christ. In order to reach these men, the Gideons have placed copies of the Bible in the guest-rooms of commercial hotels in America. Up to the present time, 600,000 of these Bibles have been thus distributed.

During last year 30,000,000 copies of the Bible were sold. The New York Bible Society distributed 800,000 copies of the Scriptures in 67 languages. There were 70,000 given to immigrants arriving at Ellis Island, and 121,000 to sailors from all parts of the world.

DIVISION OFFICE NEWS

Since last month's MESSENGER was sent to you, Brother and Sister Hindbaugh and Sister Clyde W. Miller, all of the Lake Titicaca mission, called at the division office on their way to the homeland. We were made sad to learn that failing health made it necessary for these workers to leave that very needy and intensely interesting field. Surely we need to pray earnestly that the lives and health of our missionaries may be preserved.

It was a very great pleasure to greet Brother G. E. Hartman and family as they passed through Balboa, Canal Zone, on their way to the States from Argentina, S. A., after an absence of nearly seventeen years. Brother Hartman served as secretary and treasurer of the Austral Union Conference during all this time, and as manager and treasurer of the Buenos Aires Publishing House for about ten years. A maiden sister of Brother Hartman accompanied them to Argentina in 1909 but she has been sleeping in Jesus since 1915. Our friends had one small child then; now she is grown, and a brother a few years younger will see his parents' native country for the first time. God has wonderfully preserved their health, and we trust that after a well-deserved furlough, they may again be in a mission field.
C. E. KNIGHT.

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