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## WEEK OF SACRIFICE

"The Autumn Council, held on the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of our foreign mission work, has had laid before it the most earnest and pressing calls for assistance in holding the ground already gained in foreign lands; and in facing the call of God's providence in the great field which is opening before us wider and deeper year by year, bringing us ever into contact with new tribes and tongues and with the needs of newly awakening millions who must hear the message that God has committed to us, we see that the emergencies of one year expand into yet greater emergencies of need the following year. The pressure of the final harvest hour is upon us. The message is winning souls by many thousands every year. We are entering the time long-expected of the "loud-cry" of the third angel. To name but one item we place on record one appeal that reached us during the Council by cable from the Lake Titicaca mission field, pleading for help as follows:

"Two thousand in baptismal classes 1924. Calls beyond us. Situation critical in established work. Consideration needed."

"Not in that field alone, but literally in all four quarters of the earth such a situation has been placed before us at this Council as to clearly indicate that God's providence calls to us to maintain and extend our forces on every missionary front.

"Upon our ears comes the cry of Christ our Leader, saying in the language of the spirit of prophecy:

"And still our General who never makes a mistake, says to us, "Advance." Enter new territory. Lift up the standard in every land. "Arise, shine: for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." — "Testimonies," Vol. VI, pp. 28, 29.

"In consecrating all our energies to responding to this appeal to go forward, we are of profound conviction that as the Week of Sacrifice has been wonderfully used of God to maintain and advance His cause in the mission

lands these last two years, so should it continue to be a blessed factor in meeting the needs of this ever-expanding work. In behalf of thousands of souls who have been brought into the light of truth these last two years by the extra gifts of the Week of Sacrifice, we thank our brethren and sisters who have taken part in this service of sacrifice.

"And in recognition of God's call upon us to maintain fully our covenant

Sacrifice, other countries fixing the exact date as may be most appropriate.

"The gifts of the Week of Sacrifice are to be dedicated to God in all the churches on the first Sabbath following the week.

"We hear from all lands of the blessing and the joy that the sacrifices of this week have brought to those who have taken part in this service, and we pray that as we come to this week again in November, the blessing of Him who is our Sacrifice may be showered afresh upon our hearts and homes."

In harmony with the above action of the General Conference Committee the Inter-American Division committee at its annual council gave hearty approval to this plan and designated Thanksgiving week,—the last week in November—as the Week of Sacrifice for this division.

As some of the conferences and missions in this division adopted an earlier date for 1925 we can hardly expect such fields to call for a second offering of this nature this year. But we earnestly request all who have not taken part in this Week of Sacrifice this year to join their brethren in this effort to increase our funds in the mission treasury.

The General Conference plan for the Week of Sacrifice is that our entire working force shall devote one week's salary each year to missions in addition to their regular offerings; that this plan shall be brought before all our churches and companies, and that they be asked to unite with the conference and mission workers in this sacrifice of one week's salary, or other income, in behalf of missions.

The calls from the fields are becoming ever more and more urgent. The hearts of thousands in many lands are being prepared for this blessed truth, and this calls for larger appropriations from our mission treasury. We are sure our brethren and sisters throughout the Inter-American Division will unite with those of like precious faith the world over in this Week of Sacrifice.

E. E. ANDROSS.

## Self-Examination

*"Self-examination must be thorough, that there be no danger of self-deception. A little catechising of self on special occasions is not sufficient. Daily examine the foundation of your hope, and see whether you are indeed in the love of Christ. Deal truly with your own hearts; for you cannot afford to run any risk here. Count the cost of being a whole-hearted Christian, and then gird on the armor. Study the pattern; look to Jesus and be like Him. Your peace of mind, your hope of eternal salvation, depends on faithfulness in this work. As Christians, we are less thorough in self-examination than in anything else; it is no wonder, then, that we make such slow advancement in understanding self.*

*"I am writing these things to you because I want you to be saved. I do not want to discourage you, but to urge you to more earnest, vigorous effort. Self-love will prompt you to make a superficial work of self-examination; but let no vain confidence cheat you out of eternal life." — "Testimonies," Volume V, pp. 332, 333.*

with Him by sacrifice (Psalms 50:5), we hereby recommend that the plan of the Week of Sacrifice be adopted in all lands, as a yearly plan, until the work is done; and that we invite all our evangelical, office, and institutional workers, together with all our church members, to adopt this plan of giving to foreign missions as a special gift at least one week's salary or income during this Week of Sacrifice.

"For the United States we designate Thanksgiving week as the Week of

## THE HOUR OF HIS JUDGMENT IS ALMOST FINISHED

Today a sign is looming up on the eastern horizon, which should be of deepest significance to Seventh-day Adventists, for it directs attention to the solemn, closing scenes of the judgment. The first angel of Revelation 14 cries with a loud voice, "The hour of His judgment is come." But the sign seen on the eastern horizon today says to God's people, "The hour of His judgment is almost finished," and causes them to think of the time when the last names on the heavenly ledger—those of the living righteous,—will come before the great tribunal.

In connection with every sign which God has placed in the "more sure word of prophecy," He has given an admonition; for the sign is intended to arouse His children to activity and preparation. One of the most soul-stirring admonitions to be found in the Bible is recorded in Rev. 16:15, "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame." The fact that this admonition is given in connection with the description of the sixth plague, does not imply that there will be probation during that period of God's wrath, for the decree of Rev. 22:11, which is proclaimed by Christ before the first plague is poured out, seals the destiny of both the righteous and the wicked. Those whose names are retained in the Book of Life, need not fear that they will then lose the garments of Christ's righteousness, for the decree states "He that is righteous, let him be righteous still."

This establishes the fact that the admonition of Rev. 16:15 does not apply to the plague period; but it has an application, and Inspiration has given us the sign by which we may know the approximate time. The sealing work, which immediately precedes the seven last plagues, is definitely referred to in Eze. 9:2-6. The prophet heard God's message to the man, "which had the writer's inkhorn by his side." "Set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof." Then he heard the command to the six men with the slaughter weapons, "Go ye after him. . . . Slay utterly old and young . . . but come not near any man upon whom is the mark." It is evident that these six men with slaughter weapons represent the seven last plagues which will follow the sealing work. But why six men to represent seven plagues?

This brings us to the application of

Rev. 16:15, the scripture we are studying. A careful reading of this sixteenth chapter will reveal the fact that six of these plagues are judgment or slaughter plagues, and are represented as falling from heaven, but the sixth is of a different nature, and is evidently intended to be a sign to God's people.

The events of the sixth plague are the drying up of the River Euphrates, and the march of the "kings of the east," "and of the whole world" to Armageddon. In the thirteenth and fourteenth verses John describes the agencies which will cause this gathering: "Spirits of devils, working miracles." The fact that John saw these evil spirits "go forth unto the kings of the earth," indicates that he saw the rise and progress of spiritualism. His attention was directed to a time preceding the pouring out of the first plague, for the miracles of the evil spirits are wrought to deceive while souls are deciding for eternity.

Here is the time to which the admonition applies. There is to be a coming of Christ while the evil spirits are doing the preliminary work of gathering the kings of the earth. The coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven occurs at the termination of the seventh plague. The spirit of prophecy refers to the coming of Christ from the heavenly sanctuary also as a coming; But there is another coming preceding both of these, which is of more solemn import to the people of God, and that is, His coming to our names in the heavenly ledger; and it is evident that the admonition of Rev. 16:15 points to that time.

The sign of the evil spirits working miracles has been before the world for many years, but now the final sign before the march of the kings of the East is rising into prominence. There are three stages in the preparation of the kings of the East for Armageddon: The awakening (Joel 3:12), the gathering, and the march (Rev. 16:14, 16). We have passed the awakening period, and the Turkish empire must come to its end before these kings will march to Jehoshaphat; but the gathering or mobilization time has come. China, that great empire of the East, spurred on by Russian agitators is lining up for the coming conflict. Soon the slogan, "Asia for the Asiatics," which is becoming more and more popular, will be the battle cry of these great kings of the East, as they decide to match their strength with the powers of the West.

This mobilization sign indicates that marching orders will soon be given. Between the preparation of the kings of the East and their march lies the fin-

ishing of the judgment work and the close of probation. Does it not appear that God has given us a sign by which we may know the approximate time when the last pages,—the pages on which are the records of the righteous living,—shall be turned in the great tribunal?

The admonition is, "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame." The only garments that will cover the nakedness of our sinful lives when our cases are called to the heavenly sanctuary are the garments of Christ's righteousness. There is danger that we may lose these garments today, for the leader of the evil spirits, who are able to deceive the kings of the earth, is able to accomplish our overthrow if we do not heed the admonition to watch.

It would seem that this is God's last warning to His people before their cases come before the investigative judgment. We see the agitation among the "kings of the East." It is God's sign to us that the "time is at hand."

C. E. WOOD.

## GETTING RESULTS

In a letter received recently from G. D. Raff, missionary field secretary of the Antillian union mission, he gives the following experience:—

"I have been working in the Harvest Ingathering campaign here in Havana with Brother R. E. Stewart. We have had good success. We visited some of the largest business places and we received many \$10 offerings. Those who knew of our work were more willing to help. Everybody we visited thought they had no time to talk with us, but once in their presence they would take much of our time. One man was so busy,—so his private secretary said,—that he himself could not bother him; but once in the presence of this busy man, he took fifteen minutes of our time, talking to us about religion and charity work. Many times people are not as busy as they think they are.

"We are sure that many of our people could gather in more funds in the Harvest Ingathering if they would set themselves to the task. Let us make the year 1925 our banner year in soliciting Harvest Ingathering funds."

F. L. HARRISON.

"Our motto is, 'Into all the World.' Our message is not to criticize, not to tear down, but to 'build the house of the Lord,' to proclaim the 'everlasting gospel.'"

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A MEETING IN HAITI

A meeting has just been held in Haiti. It was thought best not to hold a general gathering there this year so only the regular workers and the church elders were called. The meeting was held in the Haitien Seminary. About fifty were in attendance. A fine spirit was felt from the first. Inasmuch as there never had been a meeting of this character held in Haiti before, we went into details in the plan of our organization. All present drank in the truths and greatly appreciated the different lessons as they were presented. One could hear expressions of satisfaction on all sides.

The enemy did his best to break up the meeting by introducing a mild epidemic of "flu." Many of those present suffered greatly. Elder W. P. Elliott, superintendent of the mission, was prostrated for several days. Other members of his family were also ill. We were very thankful that Sister Herminie Roth did not take the "flu" until the last meeting in the series. We had to depend upon her to translate for us. Soon after the meeting all those afflicted began to improve.

From the expressions we were able to hear everywhere, I feel sure that this will be the beginning of a new era for the work in the Haitien mission. The different mission workers and church elders all pledged themselves to devise plans to get all the members to do their part in the great work of saving souls.

One church in Haiti has so many new candidates for baptism that they cannot all be accommodated in the church with the present members, there being more than forty candidates for baptism. In another church the report comes in that there are twenty candidates awaiting baptism. From still another church the report is that the meeting house is too small and the members are planning to enlarge it this summer. The church at Cape Haitien is increasing in membership, and the tithes are increasing all over the mission. The Lord is making His people willing in this the day of His power.

J. A. LELAND.

THIRTY-TWO ACCEPTING

The Lord very clearly indicated that we should advance aggressively in the south of the island, at Santa Rosa, near

Lajas. We pitched our tent and started meetings on the 20th of July, Brother Bracero and myself taking nights in turn. During the day we did house to house visiting. We started out at six in the morning, and encouraged the people to establish the family altar in their homes, teaching them to pray, to sing, and to read their Bibles. The Lord has given us most encouraging answers to our prayers.

The goal for souls that we have set ourselves in this place is one hundred. We believe that if we do our work faithfully the Lord will give them to us. Until now thirty-two persons have taken their stand for the truth, although we have not directly touched on the Sabbath, but just laid the Old Testament foundation, including, however, the beautiful service of the sanctuary, type and antitype.

YOU WILL NEVER BE SORRY

- For telling the truth.
- For living a pure life.
- For your faith in Christ.
- For doing your very best.
- For thinking before acting.
- For hearing before judging.
- For forgiving your enemies.
- For helping a fallen brother.
- For being honest in business.
- For thinking before speaking.
- For being loyal to your church.
- For stopping your ears to gossip.
- For bridling a slanderous tongue.
- For harboring only pure thoughts.
- For being courteous and kind to all.
- For money given to the Lord's cause.
- For faithfulness in keeping your promises.
- For asking pardon when you have done wrong.

—Selected.

We find it necessary to start with these people from the beginning, because their knowledge with regard to Old Testament history is blank. Every night we are making strong appeals for surrender to God and to the obedience of His holy law through faith in Christ. Between fifty to sixty persons have thus surrendered, but, as I said before, only thirty-two have thus far taken a definite stand for the Sabbath.

H. E. BAASCH.

PRESSING FORWARD IN CUBA

Everything seems to move along quite well at present. The Lord is working upon hearts. I received a letter from a man in the eastern part of the island in which he says that he had a few words of conversation with a brother as he was returning from the conference in Cruces, and he was so impressed with what he heard that he

has been troubled and wants to know more about this precious truth.

Also the other day I received a letter from a man living in the western part of the island stating that he would be coming to Havana on a certain train and asked us to meet him, as he is anxious to learn more about the message. So the work goes on. The providences of the Lord indicate that this field is ripe for the message. We are putting forth special efforts to get all of our people interested in doing some missionary work.

C. V. ACHENBACH.

A VERY FRUITFUL YEAR

This has been a very fruitful year thus far and we believe we shall see even greater victories from now on. The baptisms will run well over one hundred. Port-au-Prince is doing wonderfully. The members and the candidates cannot all get into the meeting house at one time now; and each week that passes brings others. When we have our new church there I believe things will grow much as they have in Kingston, Jamaica.

Reports tell us that hundreds are deeply interested in this message. The church is really alive and showing a splendid spirit of service. Grande Riviere is alive, too, and the members there have had to take steps to enlarge the church and school buildings. In many other places the lines are advancing in an encouraging way.

W. P. ELLIOTT.

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AMONG THE MESTIZOS—No. 2

Sometime ago, by the help of the Lord, a beginning was made among the Mestizos in several places in Mexico. In the southern part of the republic, where the population is almost entirely pure Indian, a foothold has been gained among several tribes; but we have no schools or teachers among this people. Among the Aztecas where there are seven churches, three Sabbath schools, a number of isolated members out in the mountains, and great interest at several points, the writer is the only worker. In one big church we have a building, with desks, blackboards, and other utilities ready and waiting, and over eighty bright children, eager to learn. But no teacher can be had!

In another place where there are over

twenty adults who commenced keeping the Sabbath from the study of the Bible, there is also a school-house and a group of nice children and young people, but they have no one to teach them. At great sacrifice these people put up a nice big building for their church, their school, and a home for the teacher; but there is no one to send to them. The last time I was down to this place, five of the men followed my canoe all day to the railroad station, begging with tears in their eyes for a teacher. I could only tell them that they would have to wait.

Once when holding a series of meetings in a little mud and thatch building not far from my home, the Lord granted me special protection. The priest of the place stirred some Indians to attack the house one night. The mob did not arrive until after the congregation had left.

No one was there except the man who lived in the house where the meetings were being held, his wife, mother-in-law, and two faithful old Indian women who had canvassed much with small books.

The mob surrounded the house, and commenced yelling and clamoring for me to come out to them. Knowing that the mud walls were thin, and the doors frail, I thought it best to go out. There were more than fifty in the mob which was led by the town chief, called the municipal president. Resistance of any kind would have been out of the question, and it seemed best to reason with them, if possible; but after a few words there came such a shower of stones and other objects that further talk became impossible.

One man in the front of the crowd had a large stone in his hand and tried to strike me with it; but one of the old ladies, about sixty-five years of age, bent with years, had followed me. She jumped between me and this man, and the heavy stone, aimed at me, struck her on the side of the head and knocked her senseless.

I picked her up and went inside, closing and barring the frail door as well as possible, and, with the few brethren there, stretched the little old lady out before the Lord, with the blood streaming from the wound. As we prayed, our faithful sister revived and joined in the prayer. Just then the mob dropped the heavy pole with which they were breaking the door down, and ran away in great confusion. They had set fire to the thatched roof but a hard shower had put it out. As the brethren were looking around to see what had frightened them off, three young boys of the believers came down the hill yelling. The mob had heard them and ran away.

I might add that the little old lady, somewhat older and a bit more bent

since this experience, is out in the field as a regular colporteur. Her chin comes a little closer to her nose, for there are fewer teeth in her mouth, and her walk is less steady, but her face is just as dark, and her hair is just as straight; her coal black eyes shine with a brighter light, and her heart is just as willing to lay down her life for the brethren she loves. She represents a people who want the gospel. They love it, and they appreciate it! How much do we appreciate the privilege of giving it to them?

OWEN C. BARRETT.

### BIG WEEK EXPERIENCES

In the territory assigned for Big Week work were small places that had never been visited by our colporteurs who handle the larger books; but even there the knowledge of this message had gone ahead of me. It had gone in books bought in other places as well as by the missionary work done by the faithful members in our companies.

I found copies of the Bible and also some of our denominational literature, such as "Coming King," and "Great Controversy," that had been bought many leagues away. "Coming King," for instance, had been bought by its possessor in Texas. I found that the books that had preceded me helped me to place copies of the book I was handling.

In two of the four places visited, I found families quite interested in knowing more of the gospel for this time; and I have urgent requests to return to tell more of the gospel message.

Among these people one does not fail to find many calls to do medical missionary work; and we are constantly reminded of the need of knowing how to heal the body as well as the soul. Often there is no physician within many miles of a community when one comes in contact with persons who are sadly in need of skilled advice in combating the terrible maladies found among them.

The Lord blessed me with more than one order for "Heralds of the Morning," per hour. I feel that it was time well spent, and I trust that next year I shall be able to put in full time in territory such as I had this year.

To get out in the front line and see the great needs leads my mind out to the many, many millions throughout the world who are yet to know of the soon coming Saviour, and then I thank God that this message is advancing much faster than many of us, who are dedicating all our time to it, even imagine.

The end is nearing but the message is going. May we be prepared for the many blessings the Lord has in store for us in reaching these dear ones for whom the great Missionary gave His life blood. C. P. MARTIN, in the *Rio Grande Mission*.

### TEHUANTEPEC MISSION

It is now more than fifteen years since Juan C. Jimenez found a portion of a magazine called *El Mensajero de la Verdad*, in his house and began to read it. Later he wrote to Mexico City for some medicine which came in another part of the above mentioned magazine. From this he received the address of *La Imprenta de la Verdad*, then in Tacubaya, under the management of Elder G. W. Caviness. He ordered a subscription, and was a reader until the paper was changed to *Las Senales de los Tiempos*, and then finally ceased to exist.

From this paper he learned the truth for this time; and in 1909, so far as we know, he became the first Adventist Sabbath-keeper in the Tehuantepec mission, a section of the great Mexican field. Afterward some of his brothers, as well as other relatives, began keeping the Sabbath. Then Elder Caviness went to Ixtaltepec, Oaxaca, where they lived, to baptize them. During the eight years that Juan C. Jimenez was a colporteur, he visited almost all the towns on the railroad from Tierra Blanca to Suchiate.

His other brothers, Catarino and Aurelio, also have taken a prominent part in the work. There are now fifteen baptized believers in Ixtaltepec, and five or six that desire baptism. These brethren are of the *Zapoteco* tribe of natives. They are fine featured and intelligent. Brother Fortino Antonio, one of the members there, went to the school in Tacubaya during the first six months of 1925 and is now a colporteur giving good promise of becoming a preacher.

As a result of the literature sold, and of the efforts of the workers who have labored in this mission we find believers, companies, Sabbath schools, and interests in about thirteen places. In Puerto Mexico there is a Korean as well as a Mexican company. In the state of Tabasco there are groups of believers in eight places, with interested people at a few other points; and the state of Chiapas has members in three places. There are interests in other localities not yet entered.

The believers in the Tehuantepec mission district speak several languages

and dialects. A few speak English; the majority, Spanish; but we also find several dialects, and Korean is another language used by this people.

In 1924 my family and I were sent to the Tehuantepec mission where we have labored for about one year, while waiting for others to take up the work that we might enter Yucatan as formerly planned. We have many Sabbath schools and some missionary societies in this mission. We have two companies with the full quota of officers; but so far we have no churches, as we lack persons who can serve as leaders. These two companies are in Puerto Mexico,—a Mexican company with forty-nine baptized members, and a Korean company with fourteen members.

The believers in Santa Lucrecia built a chapel for their services. The lot, material, and labor were all donated by the members. Other companies of believers are raising funds for the same purpose. This is slow work, however, as the people are poor.

In Puerto Mexico we were granted the privilege of holding services in the jail and the county hospital, and the brethren there are continuing these meetings.

During the year we were in this mission, two other families of missionaries moved into different parts of our district—Brethren O. C. Barrett, and I. D. Sanchez, with their families. If anyone wishes to know how glad we were to see these recruits, let him imagine himself alone in a field of this size.

Two colporteurs, Silvano Artiaga and Francisco Carribla, also came into our territory. Besides these, there are two home workers. Virginia Hernandez, a Mexican Indian woman, about sixty years of age, goes from place to place selling Bibles, books, papers, and tracts. As a direct result of her personal work Sabbath keepers are to be found in a large number of the places she has visited. Manuel Perez is the other home worker. As a result of the work done by a visit of the colporteurs, a company of believers was raised up. Thirty-one gave me their names as candidates for baptism.

In January and March two baptisms were celebrated in the Gulf of Mexico. Sixteen were baptized in the first and twenty-three in the second. The baptized membership of the field is now over 160; and more than 100 are now on the baptismal list.

May God bless the work and workers and believers of Tehuantepec, is our parting prayer.

G. G. BROWN AND FAMILY.

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### COURAGE FROM THE PAST

Having spent the past twenty-six years in the "regions beyond," I esteemed it a privilege, indeed, to be present at the general meeting of the Caribbean union committee and the bookmen's convention held in the Canal Zone, June 16-29.

In those meetings the evidence of the soon return of our dear Saviour that especially impressed me was the excellent spirit shown by all present. It was inspiring to witness the good spirit shown by leaders of different fields. They yielded their own desires that other needy fields might be replenished. This spirit banded heart to heart and we could truly say, "with the voice together shall they sing; for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion."

The plans laid by the committee to accommodate the delegates was all that could be desired; and the hearty welcome tendered soon made us realize we were among brethren. Each meeting was filled with instructive and very helpful suggestions. The morning talks by Elder Andross were much appreciated.

After the close of the conference several delegates, including the writer, attended a recital at our training school, located about thirty miles from Cristobal. It was a pleasure to see again the face of Professor Stone who has come to help train workers down here in these tropical countries. Professor and Sister Stone have associated with them Professor and Sister Halladay, faithful, tireless workers of long experience in school work. From the excellent program given by the students, the evening we were there, I feel confident that the aim and purpose of the school will be realized.

That same evening, together with our division workers, who also attended the program, I recrossed the Panama Canal in a little boat made by Brother Halladay and our students. Soon we were seated in the automobile and after a pleasant drive over the hills we reached Balboa, the headquarters of the Inter-American Division Conference.

How marvelously things have changed in what is now called the Canal Zone! Only a few decades ago it was a death trap to those who made an effort to construct a waterway across the Isthmus of Panama. But now, under the

transforming power of the American government, the Zone has been made a pleasant, clean, sanitary place in which to live.

At that time we had no organized work there; but now, in so short a time, we have a well-established printing plant which is operated by the Pacific Press Publishing Association, and is busy almost day and night. Then we have an excellent school about midway from Cristobal to Balboa. We also have the West Caribbean Conference office, and the Inter-American Division offices located here,—the former at the Atlantic end of the canal, and the latter at the Pacific entrance.

As we look at these evidences of progress, and as we look out upon the entire division and see our slender forces advancing courageously, and hear the appeals for help from the dark regions beyond, our hearts burn within us. The work is onward in the isthmus; it is onward in the fields along the northern coast of South America; it is onward in the island mission fields of the West Indies; yes, and it is onward in Old Mexico and Central America! Our hearts are made to rejoice in the God of our salvation.

D. C. BABCOCK.

### GATHERING FRUIT IN ST. LUCIA

Recently God has given me the privilege of baptizing four persons; and three more plan to go forward soon. I especially thank the Lord for such a harvest when I consider the condition in this island. Catholicism is represented by fifteen priests and eleven solid edifices. There are forty-nine schools, and of these forty-two are under Catholic supervision!

The people entertain strong prejudice against divine services being held in a dwelling house, also greater prejudice against Brother and Sister Peart where we meet. This makes it very difficult for me. But the Lord, whose cause it is, watches the situation, I am sure.

The moral status of this island is reported the lowest of all the English-speaking West India Islands. A man or woman on this island must, indeed, be anchored in Christ to escape the moral depravity to which many so often succumb.

NATHANIEL PAYNE.

Every one of us can do something, if we will only take the position that God would have us take. My brethren, every move that you make to enlighten others, brings you nearer into harmony with the God of heaven. "*Manual for Canvassers,*" p. 9.

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### THE RESIDENT COLPORTEUR

In the columns of the Publishing Department "Digest" we find the following typical report of the effectiveness of resident colporteur work. The colporteur in this instance is in Indo-China, one faithful native man, working on year after year, entirely alone, as we have no regular mission activities in that land, building up groups of interested readers ready for the evangelist to instruct and baptize.

"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 little shops as though he were 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 finds a soul interested in the truth, Tan Giao returns in the evening and studies 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."

"Of all the gifts which God has given to men, none is more noble or a greater blessing than the gift of speech, if it is sanctified by the Holy Spirit. It is with the tongue we convince and persuade; with it we offer prayer and praise to God; and with it we convey rich thoughts of the Redeemer's love. By this work, the canvasser can scatter the seeds of truth, causing the light from the Word of God to shine into many minds."  
—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 316.

### THE WAR ON DEBT

The several tract society offices in the division are endeavoring to be in harmony with both the spirit and the letter of actions taken by the recent conventions, looking toward the complete liquidation of the indebtedness of the tract societies. The following are samples of the tenor of letters coming to us:

Brother J. W. Phillips, of Honduras, after mention-

ing arrangements to remit a very substantial sum on account, says: "This will very materially reduce our indebtedness to the publishing house, and we hope very soon to be able to liquidate it entirely."

The president of the South Caribbean conference, Elder D. D. Fitch, writes: "It may have taken us a little longer than some of the other fields to bear our testimony relative to our plans concerning the payment of our indebtedness with the publishing house. This should not be taken to indicate *indifference* on our part, but a desire to be *different*. A desperate effort has been made to limit our expenditures and clear our outstanding accounts, and we are sending you a check to cover not only all of our old account but our current indebtedness also. Checks are worth more than plans and promises, but we do add the promise that hereafter there will be no more debts."

In order that tract societies may conduct their work free from debt, it is of course necessary that the literature business with colporteurs, other conference or mission laborers, church societies, and individuals be conducted in such a way as to avoid debts. As policies are put into effect, safe-guarding the tract societies from indebtedness, the reproach of debt will be wiped away. The co-operation of the entire constituency of this division should be given the officers of the tract societies as they work for the elimination of debt.

"If the man who makes two blades of grass grow where only one grew before is worthy to be accounted a benefactor of the human race, surely the man who puts a new book, and a good book, into the hands of a reader, and thus makes new ideas and good impulses take root in his brain and develop in his life, is worthy of equal honor."—*China Bookman*.

### THE WAY PREPARED

This item was clipped from one of the union papers in the States some little time ago, and is quoted here because it emphasizes Heaven's interest in our efforts to conduct our work on right lines:

"At our recent institute every worker promised not to go into debt this year, not only with the tract society, but not to go in debt at all. Their plan is to get on a higher plane. But little did some of the workers think how soon they would be tested on this point. Brother and Sister Barnhart went to their new territory, and they write as follows:

"Do you know we had one of the grandest experiences Friday in answer to prayer. At noon we had only ten cents above the tract society's money and not a thing for Sabbath, so we decided we would actually do without before we would spend the tract society money. So we had prayer when we were ready to go out, and just told the Lord how it was. Of course He knew already, so on we went to our work, and you know the first exhibition we gave we got an order for "*Great Controversy*" and "*Best Stories*," and \$3.00 advance payment. So there is a greater evidence than ever that the Lord always has a way prepared.' God will do His part when we take hold of His promises."

**THE DECEMBER "CENTINELA"**

Probably one of the most practical warnings this valuable Spanish magazine has sounded is prominently featured, in the December issue, in the article by R. F. Cottrell, "Young America Being Educated for Crime." It goes with the cover illustration of a boy studying a movie billboard. Such harm is being done the youth by what is shown on the screen that those who circulate EL CENTINELA would be doing their neighbors a real favor by placing in their hands copies of this particular issue, dealing so definitely with a very big problem.

Another most interesting article for December is "The Celestial Firmament," written by Luis Rodés, a leading Spanish astronomer. Three pages, written in popular language, and splendidly illustrated with telescopic views of various heavenly bodies, are given to this subject.

Two short but practical articles on health, selected from Spanish periodicals, are given under the titles "Wash Your Hands," and "A Few Words About the Bath."

Other timely articles are: "Our False Gods" and "The Genuine Christmas Spirit." The usual departments are all filled with good things. For the children: "Kittycat Repays," and "Miss May Talks About Catching Colds," occupying two pages just for the little folks, with a wonderful picture of a cat drinking milk with a rat.

Ready by December 1. Agents for distributing the December issue are wanted—hundreds of them!

**MEXICO'S COLPORTEUR SUMMARY**

The report of colporteur work from Mexico, for the month of August, showed orders totaling ten thousand pesos (\$5,000.00), which is an average of \$125.00 for each of the forty colporteurs reporting work. As a few of these colporteurs spent only a few hours during August, their sales were correspondingly small; so this average comes far below the figures for most of those who were working full time. A number reported orders running from five hundred to nearly nine hundred pesos.

During August 702 books were de-

**"EL CENTINELA" CIRCULATION**

October, 1925

Conference	No. Copies	Totals	Conference	No. Copies	Totals
Cuba	3,683		Arizona	62	
Dominicana	400		California	29	
Porto Rico	770		Central California	29	
Antillian Union		4,853	Southern Texas	122	
Guatemala	202		Southern California	205	
Honduras	191		Miscellaneous States	88	
Mexico	2,493		United States	528	
Salvador	215		Philippines	30	
Aztec Union		3,101	Miscellaneous Foreign	27	
Colombia	384				
Venezuela	296		<i>Total Outside Inter-America</i>		585
West Caribbean	247		<i>TOTAL, October, 1925</i>		9,466
Caribbean Union		927	<i>TOTAL, October, 1924</i>		11,282
Inter-America		8,881	<i>Decrease</i>		1,816

**SALES REPORT BY UNIONS, SEPTEMBER, 1925  
CENTRAL AMERICAN BRANCH, PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSN.**

	Subscription	Trade	Educational	Tracts	Total
Antillian Union	1,492.60	295.75	152.20	38.15	1,978.70
Aztec Union	1,342.20	394.80	...	1.00	1,738.00
Caribbean Union	2,651.60	229.20	5.85	4.60	2,891.45
Inter-America	5,486.60	919.75	158.05	43.75	6,608.15
<i>Total, September, 1925</i>	<i>5,486.60</i>	<i>923.95</i>	<i>158.05</i>	<i>45.65</i>	<i>6,614.25</i>
<i>Total, September, 1924</i>	<i>4,394.25</i>	<i>1,009.05</i>	<i>18.70</i>	<i>113.80</i>	<i>5,535.80</i>
<i>Decrease</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>85.10</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>68.15</i>	<i>...</i>
<i>Increase</i>	<i>1,092.35</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>139.35</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>1,078.45</i>

**SALES REPORT, JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER, 1925**

Bahamas	207.25	194.80	13.10	2.50	417.65
Cuba	11,207.80	716.40	64.45	98.35	12,087.00
Dominicana	1,085.00	96.90	160.15	59.60	1,401.65
Haiti	23.15	143.25	...	10.70	177.10
Jamaica	1,457.10	736.45	251.90	14.25	2,459.70
Porto Rico	2,404.50	278.95	19.90	67.35	2,770.70
<i>Antillian Union</i>	<i>16,384.80</i>	<i>2,166.75</i>	<i>509.50</i>	<i>252.75</i>	<i>19,313.80</i>
Guatemala	5,641.50	113.20	...	68.50	5,823.20
Honduras	6994.30	736.35	70.95	22.00	7,823.60
Mexico	17,598.50	823.70	2.35	104.55	18,529.10
Salvador	1,270.00	100.35	40	11.00	1,381.75
<i>Aztec Union</i>	<i>31,504.30</i>	<i>1,773.60</i>	<i>73.70</i>	<i>206.05</i>	<i>33,557.65</i>
Colombia	976.90	93.60	12.75	18.90	1,102.15
Guiana	2,626.85	175.05	38.85	39.75	2,880.50
Leeward Islands	3,249.50	367.55	...	16.05	3,633.10
South Caribbean	7,324.50	325.65	34.95	14.75	7,699.85
Venezuela	6,882.30	76.40	7.00	...	6,965.70
West Caribbean	4,617.55	990.15	423.75	59.80	6,091.25
<i>Caribbean Union</i>	<i>25,677.60</i>	<i>2,028.40</i>	<i>517.30</i>	<i>149.25</i>	<i>28,372.55</i>
<i>INTER-AMERICA</i>	<i>73,566.70</i>	<i>5,968.75</i>	<i>1,100.50</i>	<i>608.05</i>	<i>81,244.00</i>
P P Branches	1,282.70	1.00	...	8.90	1,292.60
Other S D A Houses	4.80	20.50	...	1.00	26.30
Miscellaneous	...	27.45	2.95	.35	30.75
<i>GRAND TOTAL</i>	<i>74,854.20</i>	<i>6,017.70</i>	<i>1,103.45</i>	<i>618.30</i>	<i>82,593.65</i>
<i>Jan. to Sept. 1924</i>	<i>55,157.70</i>	<i>5,214.85</i>	<i>648.85</i>	<i>553.85</i>	<i>61,575.25</i>
<i>Increase</i>	<i>19,696.50</i>	<i>802.85</i>	<i>454.60</i>	<i>64.45</i>	<i>21,018.40</i>

livered by the men and women in that large republic. This is a good record, yet not larger than is being made in the other parts of Inter-America. With Brother Robinson's report we have a news letter, telling that more is being accomplished than merely selling several hundred

dollars' worth of literature. Bible studies are given by the colporteurs, Sabbath schools are being raised up, and many interested people are found.

May the good work go on, not only in Mexico, but in every section of this large division.

### UNITED EFFORT DURING WEEK OF SACRIFICE

It would bring courage to the hearts of our people if they could listen to some of the interesting signals of advance that come into the division office from time to time, and which show that the fields of the Inter-American Division are very well described in Luke 10:2: "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." So the call is for more funds with which to supply, and support more laborers.

At the Autumn Council of the General Conference held in 1924 in Des Moines, Iowa, it was recommended that the Week of Sacrifice be adopted in all lands, as a regular plan, and that all our workers in the cause be invited to give a week's wages, and that all our people be invited to give at least a week's wages for more for missions. The recommendation passed at the council appears in this issue.

The Inter-American Division committee in the annual meeting voted to have our "Week of Sacrifice" during Thanksgiving week; and we earnestly desire that all who did not have a part in the Week of Sacrifice the first of the year, respond at this time. We urge that, as workers we rally unitedly to the call, and that all our believers join us in this Week of Sacrifice. Possibly there will be many who will desire to do more than this, in view of the urgent need at this time.

F. L. HARRISON, *Treasurer*.

### WITH OUR WORKERS

Brother H. M. Johnston, formerly one of the teachers in the training school in Jamaica, called at the division office. Brother Johnston was on his way to Scotland to take up some advanced work. Our prayers go with him for heaven's blessings in his work.

Pastor E. E. Andross sailed September 13 for Haiti, where he planned to remain one week with our workers and believers before going to the Autumn Council in the States.

Just after returning to his field after the division meeting here in the Zone, Pastor H. J. Edmed, superintendent of the Leeward Islands mission, wrote: "And now we are in the harness again; and we find the work growing and strengthening on every hand. Our Harvest Ingathering collection reached \$780 as compared with \$386 last year. The tithes and offerings of St Johns (the town in which the headquarters are located), alone, have risen from \$282.52 last quarter to \$566.73." Surely the work is onward in the Leeward Islands.

Brother F. A. Brower sends us a word of courage. He and his wife went to Barranquilla, Colombia, last June. They have met considerable opposition in their work; but Brother Brower writes: "We are well, our courage is good, and I think I can say also, that the work is going well considering conditions that we have to meet here. We have two colporteurs working all the time and they are putting hooks in the homes every day." Then in a postscript to his letter, he says "Send us more laborers for Colombia. For one thing we need teachers, and many of them could be nearly self-supporting."

### FROM LATIN EUROPE

The Latin Union is a large field, with a population of 125,000,000. The religions are Catholicism and Mohammedanism, and the worst of all, atheism. A large per cent of the people are atheists. Our colporteurs are arrested over and over again. When one goes out in the Harvest Ingathering work, he is liable to be arrested and thrown into jail. In some sections our people are fined because they do not send their children to school on the

Sabbath. One great difficulty over here is to get a hall in which to hold public meetings. If our people own their buildings, they can hold meetings; but it is almost impossible to rent meeting places. The Catholics will not rent their halls or buildings to us. But with all the obstacles in the way, good progress is being made.

Five years ago they had twelve colporteurs in the Latin Union Conference, and now they have more than sixty. Five years ago they had no school in operation; now they have a junior college. This school has been built up from the very foundation. Five years ago they had no tract societies; now they have one in each conference. Five years ago they had no colporteur leader in the union; now

very interesting to me, and that is for the people living in the interior of Borneo. They are called the inland Dyaks. We have many perplexities in meeting these two lines of work, and I do appreciate the quotation from volume nine, page ninety-six, assuring us that the Lord can remove the mountains of difficulty.

We have set our goal for one thousand souls this year. Our native workers are taking up the slogan in setting their individual goals. It will be a wonderful thing if we can reach our goal in this difficult field.

We are both keeping well; in fact Mrs. Finster is feeling better since coming to Malaysia. Her trouble is sprue and we are told that the only way to cure it is to leave the tropical country; but we do love our work and hate to think of going home. So we are praying that the Lord may overrule all for His good.

L. V. FINSTER.

### TRUST

Just as God leads me I would go;  
I would not ask to choose my way,  
Content with what He will bestow;  
Assured He will not let me stray,  
So as He leads, my path I make,  
And step by step I gladly take,  
A child in Him confiding.

Just as God leads, I am content;  
I rest me calmly in His hands;  
That which He hath declared and sent—  
That which His will for me commands.  
I would that He should all fulfill  
That I should do His gracious will  
In living and in dying.

Just as God leads me, I abide  
In faith, in hope, in suffering, true;  
His strength is ever by my side;  
Can aught my hold on Him undo?  
I hold me firm in patience, knowing  
That God my life is still bestowing—  
The best in kindness sending.

Just as God leads, I onward go,  
Oft amid thorns and briars keen;  
God does not yet His guidance show—  
But in the end it shall be seen  
How by a loving Father's will,  
Faithful and true He leads me still.  
—Lampertius, 1625.

they have one in each conference and mission field, and these have all been trained in the field, with the exception of one man."

There are about 4,000,000 people on the island of Sicily, and there is not a single worker there.

There are hundreds of cities in this union conference that do not have a Seventh-day Adventist worker.—F. H. Robbins, in the *Review and Herald*.

### GOOD NEWS FROM MALAYSIA

The last two years we have added as many members as have been won in all previous years. The Lord is blessing the seed that was sown in the past and the people are responding.

I am very much interested in the Mohammedan problem. We are studying to work the best we can to find an avenue of approach to these deluded people. The last two years we baptized about seventy-five from Mohammedanism, and some of them are very earnest people.

One of our Javanese brethren has been conducting schools for young Mohammedan children, teaching them the Bible and our Christian songs. More than thirty of these little Mohammedan boys, with little red caps, came to Sabbath school and sang some songs and then had their class study.

We are also starting another work that is

We are glad for the good word that comes to Brother F. L. Harrison from Brother Sutton, field missionary secretary of the Caribbean union, in a recent letter. Brother Sutton says, "It is really wonderful how readily our books sell in these Spanish fields. In thirty-seven hours Brother Steeves took \$684 worth of orders for the new medical book. He is selling it for \$8 and \$10. He has been putting in a little of his spare time since the convention. I believe the hour has come when the Lord is going to do a quick work in these dark corners of the world. Surely the hour has come when we need to do all in our power to supply men and means to carry forward the last warning message." We rejoice with Brother Sutton that the Lord is blessing the efforts of the faithful colporteurs in carrying the printed page.

Have you ordered your Morning Watch Calendars yet? Will you help to make the circulation for 1926 the best one yet? Do so. Begin by doubling your personal order.

It is sweet to know  
When we are tired, and when the hand of pain  
Lies on our hearts, and when we look in vain  
For human comfort, that the Heart Divine  
Still understands these cares of yours and mine.  
Not only understands, but day by day  
Lives with us while we tread the earthly way,  
Bears with us all our weariness, and feels  
The shadow of the faintest cloud that steals  
Across our sunshine, ever learns again  
The depth and bitterness of human pain.  
There is no sorrow that he will not share,  
No cross, no burden, for our hearts to bear  
Without his help, no care of ours too small  
To cast on Jesus; let us tell Him all—  
Lay at his feet the story of our woes,  
And in his sympathy find sweet repose.

—Selected.

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