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The Work of Soul-Saving

God has given me a message for His people. They must awake, spread their tents, and enlarge their borders. My brethren and sisters, you have been bought with a price, and all that you have and are is to be used to the glory of God and for the good of your fellowmen. Christ died on the cross to save the world from perishing in sin. He asks your co-operation in this work. You are to be His helping hand. With earnest, unwearied efforts you are to seek to save the lost. Remember that it was your sins that made the cross necessary. When you accepted Christ as your Saviour, you pledged yourself to unite with Him in bearing the cross. For life and for death you are bound up with Him, a part of the great plan of redemption.

The transforming power of Christ's grace molds the one who gives himself to God's service. Imbued with the Spirit of the Redeemer, he is ready to deny self, ready to take up the cross, ready to make any sacrifice for the Master. No longer can he be indifferent to the souls perishing around him. He is lifted above self-serving. He has been created anew in Christ, and self-serving has no place in his life. He realizes that every part of his being belongs to Christ, who has redeemed him from the slavery of sin; that every moment of his future has been bought with the precious life-blood of God's only-begotten Son.

Have you so deep an appreciation of the sacrifice made on Calvary that you are willing to make every other interest subordinate to the work of saving souls? The same intensity of desire to save sinners that marked the life of the Saviour marks the life of His true follower. The Christian has no desire to live for self. He delights to consecrate all that he has and is to the Master's service. He is moved by an inexpress-

ible desire to win souls to Christ. Those who have nothing of this desire might better be concerned for their own salvation. Let them pray for the spirit of service.

How can I best glorify Him whose I am by creation and by redemption?—This is to be the question that we are to ask ourselves. With anxious solicitude the one who is truly converted seeks to rescue those who are still in Satan's power. He refuses to do anything that would hinder him in his work. If he has children, he realizes that his

OUR HOPE: *The mercy of God.*

OUR DEFENSE: *Prayer.*

OUR HELPER: *The Holy Spirit.*

OUR DUTY: *"Go work today in My vineyard."*

OUR WATCHWORD: *"Christ expects every man to do his duty."*

work must begin in his own family. His children are exceedingly precious to him. Remembering that they are the younger members of the Lord's family, he strives with all his power to place them where they will stand on the Lord's side. He has pledged himself to serve, honor, and obey Christ; and he puts forth patient, untiring effort so to train his children that they will never be hostile to the Saviour.

On fathers and mothers, God has placed the responsibility of saving their children from the power of the enemy. This is their work,—a work that they should on no account neglect. Those parents who have a living connection with Christ will not rest until they see their children safe in the fold. They

will make this the burden of their life.

Parents, do not neglect the work waiting for you in the church in your own family. This is your first field of missionary effort. The most important work you can do is to place your children on the Lord's side. When they err, deal with them tenderly, yet firmly. Let them unite with you in opposing the evil by which Satan seeks to destroy the souls and bodies of human beings. Share with them the secret of the cross, the secret that to you means sanctification, redemption, and eternal victory. As you take your children with you into the service of the Lord, what a victory you gain.

If the families around you are opposed to the truth, strive to lead them to yield to the claims of Christ. Work patiently, wisely, considerately, winning your way by the tender ministry of love. Present the truth in such a way that it will be seen in all its beauty, exerting an influence that cannot be resisted. Thus the walls of prejudice will be broken down.

If this work were faithfully done, if fathers and mothers would work for the members of their own families, and then for those around them, uplifting Christ by a godly life, thousands of souls would be saved. When God's people are truly converted, when they realize the obligation resting on them to labor for those within their reach, when they leave no means untried to rescue sinners from the power of the enemy, the reproach will be removed from our churches.

We have now only a little time in which to prepare for eternity. May the Lord open the closed eyes of His people, and quicken their dull senses, that they may realize that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to them that believe. May they see the importance of giving so pure and righteous a representation of God that the world shall

see Him in His beauty. May they be so filled with the Spirit that dwells in Him that the world will have no power to divert them from the work of presenting to men the wonderful possibilities before every soul who receives Christ.

In all lines of our work there is need of greater earnestness. Time is passing. God's servants are to be "not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." People need the truth, and by earnest, faithful effort it is to be communicated to them. Souls are to be sought for, prayed for, labored for. Earnest appeals are to be made. Fervent prayers are to be offered. Our tame, spiritless petitions are to be changed into petitions of intense earnestness. God's word declares, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."
—MRS. E. G. WHITE.

THE LAW OF LIFE

The highest honor that can be conferred upon man in this life is that of being a fellow-worker with God. Think of it! We, who were lost, we who were without hope and without God, having turned to God, are now invited by Him to become His associates in the salvation of others. Yes, this supreme privilege is ours. "We are God's fellow-workers." 1 Cor. 3:9. R. V.

"Sin originated in self-seeking." "The law of self-renouncing love is the law of life for earth and heaven. The love which seeketh not her own has its source in the heart of God; and in the meek and lowly One is manifested the character of Him who dwelleth in the light which no man can approach unto. . . . The angels of glory find their joy in giving,—giving love and tireless watch-care to souls that are fallen and unholy. Heavenly beings woo the hearts of men; they bring to this dark world light from the courts above; by gentle and patient ministry they move upon the human spirit, to bring the lost into a fellowship with Christ which is even closer than they themselves can know." *Desire of Ages*, pp. 20-22.

This is the joy of heaven; this is the spirit that animates every dweller there; it is the all-pervasive atmosphere in which they live and move; this is the subject of their study, the theme of their song.

"Christ's followers have been redeemed for service. Our Lord teaches that the true object of life is ministry. Christ Himself was a worker, and to all His followers He gives the law of service—service to God and their fellowmen. Here Christ has presented to the world

a higher conception of life than they had ever known. By living to minister for others, man is brought into connection with Christ. The law of service becomes the connecting link which binds us to God and our fellow-men." *Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 326.

How can we reasonably expect ever to have a home in heaven, to dwell among that holy, happy throng, unless we become familiar with the laws of self-renouncing love, the law of service,

A Mighty Purpose

"I will place no value on anything I have or may possess, except in relation to the kingdom of Christ. If anything will advance the interests of that kingdom, it shall be given away or kept, only as by the giving or keeping of it I shall most promote the glory of him to whom I owe all my hopes in time and eternity. May grace be given me to adhere to this."—From *Livingstone's Journal*, May 22, 1853.

the law of life. "God is love." His love for man is expressed in a stream of beneficence constantly flowing from heaven to earth, reaching its flood-tide in the cross of Calvary. We must not only drink of this stream, but we must become infused with its life-giving properties. It must flow on through us bringing life and peace and joy to other hearts. We must imitate this feature of the God-head; it must become our life, our joy, our delight.

"Those who reject the privilege of fellowship with Christ in service, reject the only training that imparts a fitness for participation with Him in His glory. They reject the training that in this life gives strength and nobility of character." *Education*, p. 264. There is therefore, no other way to reach the portals of bliss, to enter the gates of pearl, and to dwell for ever more in the realms of fadeless glory.

To reject the opportunity for "fellowship with Christ in service" at this time when the whole world of the ungodly is about to perish in the destruction of the last great day, when all heaven is engaged in the last supreme effort to save the lost, when every loyal, willing soul is being drafted into service, is to bring upon ourselves the "wrath of the Lamb."

"Divine love has been stirred to its unfathomable depths for the sake of

men, and angels marvel to behold in the recipients of so great love a mere surface gratitude. Angels marvel at man's shallow appreciation of the love of God. Heaven stands indignant at the neglect shown to the souls of men. Would we know how Christ regards it? How would a father and mother feel, did they know that their child, lost in the cold and in the snow, had been passed by, and left to perish, by those who might have saved it? Would they not be terribly grieved, wildly indignant? Would they not denounce those murderers with wrath hot as their tears, intense as their love? The sufferings of every man are the sufferings of God's child, and those who reach out no helping hand to their perishing fellow-beings provoke His righteous anger: This is the wrath of the Lamb. To those who claim fellowship with Christ, yet have been indifferent to the needs of their fellow-men, He will declare in the great Judgment day, 'I know you not from whence ye are; depart from Me, all ye workers of iniquity.'" *Desire of Ages*, p. 825.

We call upon every minister, every conference or mission worker throughout this division to co-operate with your local and union officials in an effort to rally all our forces, including every member of every church throughout the field, to train them for the most efficient service possible; but while they are being trained in every line of service, let them begin at once to scatter abroad the rays of sunshine that have come into their own hearts, to minister to the suffering, to point the weary, the heavy-laden, burdened heart to Jesus as the sinner's Friend and Saviour.

By gentle, patient, self-sacrificing ministry win the heart of the sinner to his Saviour. Tell him, as opportunity offers, of the coming in glory and power of the world's Redeemer, of the necessary preparation to meet Him in that great day so soon to dawn. Do not argue with, or denounce, the one who refuses to accept the message of salvation you bring to him; and do not become discouraged, no matter what his attitude may be. Win him if possible by love. If every such effort seems fruitless pass on to others whom you may find more responsive. Use freely the abundant supply of literature that is provided and which will tell the story usually better than we can. Do not forget to water the seed sown by your prayers. Go alone and present each case to Jesus, the sinner's Friend; and with prevailing prayer plead for the help of the mighty agency of the Holy Spirit in your efforts to rescue the perishing.

E. E. ANDROSS.

WEST CARIBBEAN TRAINING SCHOOL

The West Caribbean Training School is located on the west side of the Panama Canal in the north edge of Las Cascadas. Las Cascadas is situated directly across the canal and in full view from our railroad depot at Obispo. It is about fifteen miles inland from the Pacific coast on the continental divide, and is a healthful spot. Here surrounded by smoothly rounded hills of Antillean formation, and covered with native tropical growth, our school enjoys a quiet rural surrounding where the students can come in close contact with nature.

Our location, which is on a prominence directly overlooking the "big cut," affords us an ever-changing view of the world's great ships as they silently pass our doors going forth to the ends of the earth. An occasional aeroplane, in its flight between the coast cities, speeds through the skies above our heads; and on the opposite side of the canal, a quarter of a mile distant, but in full view, is our railroad station where the trains stop in making their regular runs across the Isthmus between Colon, on the Atlantic side, and Panama City, on the Pacific.

The property on which our school is conducted is leased from the canal commission. Our buildings, fifteen in number, were used as quarters for employes during construction days. Seven of these buildings are alike, being large, substantial structures, each two stories in height and in dimension about thirty-two by seventy-two feet. The negotiations for the use of this property, which included fifty acres of land, were completed in February, 1921. Later an extension was arranged providing sixty acres more of land.

We found the buildings on this property in rather a neglected and dilapidated condition and according to contract we remodeled and re-fitted the same for school purposes at our own expense. The work of repartitioning, re-screening, and painting has all been done by student labor. Today the grounds and buildings present a very creditable appearance, and are supplied with most of the modern conveniences. We have running water including sprays on practically every floor; a second water system conveying filtered water to our buildings for drinking and cooking purposes; and we have electric current for lighting and ironing from the Panama Canal lighthouse line. Our supplies for the institution are provided from the wholesale government com-

missaries. The school operates its own ferry across the canal to our railroad station. Here our students and visitors arrive; here we also receive all of our trunks, express, ice, mail and freight. This convenience has been provided but a few months and we find it an improvement over using the rowboat to the station at Gamboa more than two miles away.

The present attendance at the school is ninety. Seventeen of these students meet their full expenses in cash; thirty-six work a part of their way and pay part; while thirty-seven are full work students. It will be seen at once that the one stirring problem of the place is to provide profitable employment for the work students so that they can maintain themselves in the school by their own work. To meet this demand we are carrying forward some farm and garden operations. We are also doing considerable work in our wood-working department, and we have just set a broom factory in operation. We are growing some of the broom corn here on our own place, and we also have some of our brethren helping to provide more of this material in other places in the Republic of Panama. Our brooms are finding an open sale on the Isthmus and our boys are doing excellent work in their manufacture. We are just providing ourselves with additional wood-working machinery at this writing and expect to do more of this class of work in the near future.

We are endeavoring in every way possible to make our school serve its own needs just as far as we can, and we are also striving to make the institution of some service to the community in which we are located. We are teaching our students that true greatness does not consist in doing extraordinary things, but in doing ordinary things in an extraordinary way.

Our course of study includes work up to and including the twelfth grade which is outlined on about the same general plan as is offered by most of our academies in the States. Our library and equipment for the academic course is as yet just a little weak. In addition to academic work we conduct a ministerial, a commercial, and a normal course. Inasmuch as our school is not very old as yet, we still find that our most advanced class is in the eleventh grade. We have, however, a very strong class in the tenth grade from which we look forward to the turning out of a number of strong native workers. Nor-

mal sessions are conducted at the school biennially. A workers' short course is to be given in conjunction with the next normal session which is to open the coming November.

We have just opened a Spanish department. While we have only four students in it at this writing, we are expecting this department to grow rapidly in the next few months as we are located in a Spanish field. Our school is largely English because our constituency in the West Caribbean Conference is almost wholly made up of English speaking people. The student body is made up of West Indian colored people, Chinese, Spaniards and San Blas Indians.

Our school is the working out of a concrete missionary idea where native men and women of ability acquire a preparation for treating the sick, preaching the gospel, teaching the ignorant, training little children, and quietly and steadily spreading through the dark places of the earth those fundamental principles of decency, humanity, kindness, honesty, and courage upon which civilization rests.

The Lord has blessed our educational work in a most marked way in this section of the field. There are many conditions that mitigate against the success of this work in these varied and trying lands but the providential hand of God has been manifested, and we have seen in a most marked manner many evidences of His care for our educational work. To Him we look for further guidance in leadership through these paths that are beset with so many perils.

C. J. BOYD.

THY STRENGTH AND MY DAY

*Give me Thy strength for my day,
That whereso'er I go,
There shall no danger daunt me
And I shall fear no foe;
So shall no task o'ercome me,
So shall no trial fret,
So shall I walk unwearied
The path where my feet are set;
So shall I find no burden
Greater than I can bear,
So shall I have a courage
Equal to all my care;
So shall no grief o'erwhelm me,
So shall no wave o'erflow—
Give me Thy strength for my day, Lord,
Cover my weakness so.*

—Annie Johnson Flint.

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SPEEDING THE WORK IN JAMAICA

There have been some rapid developments in the laymen's movement in Jamaica during the first months of the present year. We are finding that wherever faithful and earnest effort is put forth, most encouraging results follow. Conference and laymen workers are surprised and impressed to find that the Spirit of God has preceded them, and prepared the hearts of the honest for the reception of the truth. Decisions are being made much more quickly than during the past, and those accepting the message appear to be of sterling character: indicating that we have reached the time when God's people are to be hurried out of Babylon before the wrath of God bursts suddenly upon the world.

About two months ago one of our aggressive laymen workers wrote me concerning an interest that had developed in the eastern part of the island, as the result of the Harvest Ingathering work. Commencing with a nucleus of a few persons who had begun to investigate the truth, this interest soon developed so that public meetings were started by this lay-worker. Soon the interest was so great that this brother wrote to me, stating that he felt that he was unable to handle the situation, and called for conference assistance. At the time we had no worker whom we could send, but our Field Missionary Secretary was going to that part of the island in the interest of some of his colporteurs, and I requested him to hold evening services while there. These he continued for two weeks, and when he left thirteen had accepted the message. After an interval of a week, I was able to visit this company, and remained with them over two Sabbaths, holding services in the evenings. At the time of our departure there were twenty-four rejoicing in the truth.

We are so handicapped for laborers to answer these calls that this lay brother is looking after the interest, and it is necessary for him to travel twenty-four miles on foot each week to make the return journey. This brother has self-sacrificingly made this long journey every week during the time that he was

laboring to bring the message to this people, and now he is rejoicing to see the fruits of his seed-sowing.

Elder Hurdon is at present conducting a tent effort in the city of Kingston. During the past few years every effort held in Kingston has been in the vicinity of the church,—in other words we have been letting down the net in the same place. But this year we decided to "launch out into the deep," and so we pitched the tent in a thickly settled district where the message has never been sounded. From the very first we saw that the right move had been made, for the people attended the meetings in larger numbers than we had ever experienced in the work in Jamaica. Truly it has been an inspiration to stand before a congregation of 1,500 people, and present the message for this time. Already about sixty have joined the baptismal class, and new accessions are being made week by week. Our North street church is at the present time crowded with over five hundred worshipers, so we are facing the necessity of erecting another church building in the district where these new believers are being raised up, and we are planning on a building large enough to accommodate at least three hundred people, for we are sure that many more will accept the message in that part of the city.

Efforts are being conducted in Kingston, Spanish Town, Port Antonio and Montego Bay, four of our largest towns, and in every place good results are being achieved. Letters telling of marked progress come from those taking an aggressive part in the laymen's movement in different parts of the island; and we are encouraged to believe that we have reached the time when we may expect much greater developments.

The West Indian Training College, located at Mandeville at an altitude of 2,200 feet, has just closed the most successful year since it was established. The enrollment this year has increased to ninety-seven, representing an earnest company of young people preparing for service in the Master's vineyard. Realizing the need of establishing industries which will not only provide facilities for students to work while securing their education, but to increase the income of the school, we have been endeavoring to raise a fund for this purpose. Having faith that the Lord would fulfill His promise to impress those not of our faith to give for the extension of His work, we have visited a number of men of means in the island, and have found that they have a very sympathetic interest in the work we are endeavoring to do.

Mrs. Wood was appointed by the con-

ference committee to give some time to this solicitation, and the Lord has greatly blessed her efforts. To lessen transportation expense, she has accompanied the writer as he has been called to different parts of the conference, and has taken advantage of the opportunity to call upon representative men in various parts of the island. Jamaica during the past few months has been passing through one of the most severe droughts in its history. Government revenue has fallen thousands of pounds below the estimates. Nearly every letter received at the conference office tells of the seriousness of the drought, and of the destitution of the poor people; yet, notwithstanding this, over six hundred pounds has been received from those not of our faith for the industrial features of our school. The establishment of these industries, and the erection of a chapel with a seating capacity of five hundred is placing an added responsibility upon Professor Wineland, the principal of the school, who, besides looking after the work of the school, is superintending the construction of the buildings.

Even though Jamaica will feel the effects of this drought for many months to come, we look forward with confidence, knowing that God's work will surely triumph. Our tithes and offerings increasing rather than diminishing during these past months indicates that the people of the remnant church are being more faithful in regard to their obligation to the Lord; and, as they press closer to Him, they will surely receive the great blessing which will prepare them for the finishing of the work.

C. E. Wood.



In her letter of May 1, Sister W. G. Kneeland writes, "Our Mission boat is now put in readiness and we hope to start on our out island trip about May 12. We shall probably be away from home two months or more. We hope to visit all of the believers this summer outside this island—New Providence. It will take all the strength and courage I can command for this campaign, but I know it must be done, and we are the only ones just at present to do this work. I trust that the satisfaction I shall receive from being able to help others will in a measure compensate me for the hardships of the trip. It certainly will be a happy day when the work is all done; and the only way to hasten the finishing of the task is by each one faithfully doing his part, 'you in your corner and I in mine.'

"I am anxious to be in the place where

we can serve best wherever that may be. Sometimes I have felt that others who were younger and stronger than we are at present would be better fitted for the work in this Mission, but if this is the place for us to remain this is where I want to be, and to faithfully do my part in helping to finish the work speedily. I shall not write you again for some time, but it will be a comfort to know that others are remembering us at the throne of grace as we go in and out amidst the dangerous reefs and shoals among these islands."

Pastor H. E. Baasch of the Porto Rico Mission writes that they are having a very successful Harvest Ingathering Campaign this year. They have already collected \$4200. This was mainly done thru the efforts of a travelling band.

Pastor William Steele, Superintendent of the Santo Domingo Mission, writes that he has just organized a new church at Barahona. Seventeen new members were baptized and a church of twenty-five members organized.

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GOD ANSWERED MY PRAYERS FOR MY RELATIVES

A few months after my baptism, the great burden of giving this message to my parents and two sisters was forcibly impressed upon me. They were living in the island of Nevis, which is a part of the South Caribbean Conference, while I was up in Panama, where I am still laboring. I mailed them a copy of *The Christian Sabbath* and in return received a very unfavorable answer; nevertheless, I continued to write them missionary letters and to mention them before the great throne of God in heaven at my morning and evening devotion.

In the early spring of 1922 Brother A. A. Grizzle took charge of the work in Panama City, Panama, and one of the first things that he did was to re-organize what we called the "Correspondence Band." He urged every loyal member to take this work to heart, and in consequence a great work was started. At this time these thoughts came to my mind: Are you not going to continue

writing missionary letters to your parents? Why not turn their names over to the leader of the correspondence band? At the next meeting of the band, I turned their names in, and it fell to the lot of Brother N. T. Jones to write them.

In the mean time, I received a letter from home telling me of their receipt of a letter from Brother Jones, and of their deep interest in its contents. With paper and pen in my hand I knelt before God and asked Him to direct my pen in just those things that I should write. On finishing the letter, I knelt again before God and offered the following prayer: O Lord, help I pray Thee, that when they shall have received this letter they may be entirely and not 'almost persuaded'; not only may they be convinced, Lord, but also may they have the privilege of having a teacher or a preacher to preach to them, and to live the life before them. Yea, Lord, let them have this help when this letter shall be delivered unto them." At this point I dried my tears, sealed the letter, and posted it.

Later I learned that my father finally called the family together requesting each one to bring his Bible. He read them the letter from Brother Jones, and assigned to each one the various texts to be read aloud. On finishing this study he wrote a letter to Brother Jones, thanking him for the interest he had shown, and informing him that his family had decided to keep the Sabbath as a result of his letter.

When I received the answer to the letter of which I spoke in a previous paragraph, I was indeed amazed. It brought great joy to every nerve of my body. In it were these striking words, "My dear Brother: When I received your letter I was listening to the first Sabbath sermon which was being preached by a young lady from New York City." [This young lady was a native of Nevis but spent a number of years in New York City.] On receiving this letter, I at once wrote to this young lady, asking her to tell me just what had caused her to go to Nevis at that time. She replied, "When I looked around in New York City and viewed the conditions of men and women, how the truth is ringing in their ears daily and they will not respond, I felt as though it was wasting my time to labor with them; so the Spirit said to me, 'Why not return to your native land and teach the people there?'"

I am glad to say that as the result of this sister's sermons, there were twenty-six converts, among them my father, mother and two sisters. These were

baptized by Elder Knight who has charge of the work in that part of the field. Does not the Lord answers prayer in these last days just as He did in the days of ancient Israel? Certainly, this is a clear proof.

J. A. MAYNARD.

FROM THE HEART OF VENEZUELA

The first issue of the INTER-AMERICAN MESSENGER came to me today. I pledge myself at once to do all in my power to make it a success. I feel that this is our own paper; and now for some news items: Last year in August, Brother C. V. Achenbach and I made a trip into the interior of Venezuela to prepare the way for the spread of the gospel along the rivers. We made the trip in our little launch. When we returned Brother Achenbach went back to Caracas, while I continued for about four months to work up and down the river from San Fernando to Apure.

The time is ripe for the message to be preached; but we need workers to do it. Many are keeping the Sabbath the best way they know, but they need instruction. I am now planning to make another prolonged trip, covering the same ground that we travelled over last year; and if it is possible, I hope to extend our work just as far as it is practicable with our boat.

Our boat crew consists of two persons: Brother Julio Garcia and myself. He is a faithful helmsman; and I am the engineer, carpenter, painter, cook, and general utility man. Our plan is to visit every home along the rivers and leave in it some seeds of truth to grow and develop. God has blessed us in our labors and we hope for greater blessings this year. We are of good courage; and although we are surrounded by perils on all sides, we are confident that God is watching over us all the time.

On January 20, I baptized ten persons in the Apure River up in the heart of Venezuela; and in the evening these and one more believer were organized into our youngest church in this conference.

LORENZO J. BORROWDALE.

In a personal letter received in the same mail that brought this report, Brother Borrowdale says: "As you no doubt know I am located at present here in Valencia. As yet we have seen no fruits.... It seems that people are afraid to come out to hear us or even to visit us. They cross over on the other

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AZTEC UNION MEETING

Returning to the office from a trip to Honduras, I find the MESSENGER for June waiting for the publishing house portion of matter. I therefore take this opportunity of reporting hurriedly a few items regarding the committee meetings of the Aztec Union Mission, held at San Pedro Sula, May 21-30, for I have just returned from there, via Cuba.

A wonderfully helpful meeting was enjoyed by all those in attendance. The leaders in these fields had never been together before facing the problems and needs of the entire union, as now constituted. The occasion drew the several mission leaders close together, and a wholesome spirit of unity prevailed throughout the session. In the more thorough organizing of the seven mis-

sions in Mexico, the dividing up of both foreign and native forces as evenly as possible, the working out of the budget for 1925, and in all the other duties which rested upon this committee, there was good, honest team-work.

The superintendents of the ten missions comprising the Aztec Union believe in the importance of gospel literature in their mission work. I greatly enjoyed this privilege of getting personally acquainted with these leaders whom I previously knew by correspondence only. As we considered together some of the publishing interests, it was evident that the brethren felt them to be as much the interests of the missions as of the publishing house. A fair ratio of their budget, too small for that immense field, goes for the support of colporteur leaders. Every field aims to put forth great-

er efforts to give a wider circulation to the magazine, *El Centinela*. The union committee agreed to release one of its strong, well-qualified native workers to connect with the publishing house to assist in the growing responsibilities in the editorial department. The goal of the union training school now being conducted at Tacubaya, Mexico, is to have its students trained for the colporteur field, as well as for other lines of gospel work.

Elder D. A. Parsons, the union superintendent, has with him a strong band of leaders to push the work in the Aztec field. It is the aim of these men to proclaim the good, old-fashioned third angel's message and to seek to develop a people in their fields who will be ready to meet the Lord at His second appearing. The studies conducted by Elder E. E. Andross at the devotional hour each morning of the meeting undoubtedly strengthened the men in their purpose to stand firm for the fundamentals of this message and give themselves wholeheartedly in further service for the Master.

I shall leave to Elders Parsons and Andross the work of making a full report of the session at San Pedro Sula.

H. C. K.

"EL CENTINELA" CIRCULATION, MAY, 1924

Cuba	5,750	Colombia	1,406
Dominicana	301	South Caribbean	7
Porto Rico	694	Venezuela	609
<i>Antillian Union</i>	6,745	West Caribbean	528
Guatemala	393*	<i>Caribbean Union</i>	2,550
Honduras	119	United States	825
Mexico	5,669*	Philippines	58
Salvadór	1,052*	Foreign, Misc.	23
<i>Aztec Union</i>	7,233*	<i>Total Circulation</i>	17,434*
		Circulation, May 1923	8,611
(Rate of Increase, 102.4%)		<i>GAIN in Circulation</i>	8,823

*Indicates the addition of "Temperance Special" of which the Aztec Union has taken 5,000 copies.

We wish the accompanying circulation report represented the circulation of the May issue alone, for the figure 17,434 looks good. It includes the report of sales of the Temperance issue just made to the missions in the Aztec field. It is a pleasure to see such favorable figures for that great union, and we trust that soon every issue may have equally satisfactory circulation.

Deducting the quantity of Temperance papers reported, we note that the circulation of the regular issue is slightly lower than for either of the two preceding numbers. Indications are good that the regular monthly totals will swing upward again beginning with the June issue. May the united efforts of those engaged in the circulation of the "Good News" magazine result in the early reaching of our present goal, which is 20,000 copies of each issue.

CIRCULATION GOAL—20,000 COPIES PER MONTH

ARE YOU FOLLOWING UP THE INTERESTS?

One of the directors of a chain of newspapers became interested in *El Centinela*, and wanted some of his fellow officers to get acquainted with it. He wrote in to the office of publication, submitting the addresses of thirty prominent men, all in the same city, to whom he requested us to send copies of the magazine. Thinking this might be a good opportunity for a colporteur to place more good literature and perhaps secure subscriptions at once, we sent the list to the tract society serving that particular territory, along with a package of papers, and suggested that if there were a colporteur working in that vicinity it might be well to pass the list and the papers over to him. We have this reply from the secretary:

"Just received your letter with the thirty names who wish a sample copy of *El Centinela*. The package containing these papers has arrived, and we are forwarding them to our colporteur who is working in that city at this time, and asking him to make a visit to each one, delivering the papers himself, and at the same time do what he can to secure their subscriptions and sell them a book."

We may have a sequel to this story

to relate some day. Doubtless the colporteur will be brought into touch with some men he would otherwise have missed entirely in his work in that city. Let us each improve every opportunity to present the truth to every soul we can possibly reach.

A MINIATURE CORRESPONDENCE BAND

One of our workers in Inter-America has just written in, explaining the way he is now working to extend the circulation of *El Centinela*. This is what he has to say of his work:

"Today—Sunday—I have been busy sending out a few *Centinelas* to people whom I thought might later on be subscribers, and was thinking perhaps you would be interested to see the way I do it. Enclosed you will find a letter I send for the first time, and a wrapper I got up in which to send the paper. It gives the paper a good showing when it is handed to the person, I think."

A similar plan of action may be successful in other places. Think it over.

QUICK FRUITAGE OF OUR LITERATURE

"Never was it more important to keep our books moving into the homes of the people than it is at this time. It is easy to speak in superlatives, but as I go from meeting to meeting in union and local conference, gatherings, it does seem to me that I hear more than ever before in my life of the quick fruitage springing up as the colporteurs sow the seed. I hear it East and West, North and South, of people accepting the truth through reading our books. It shows surely the Lord is fulfilling His promise, pouring out His spirit upon multitudes, putting into their hearts a willingness to buy our books; and He is sending the conviction of the truth as the books are read." ELDER W. A. SPICER, *gleaned from "Confidential Chats."*

BIG WEEK IN MEXICO

Here is just a line, but a very interesting one, from Brother J. W. Phillips, field missionary secretary in several of the Mexican missions:

"I am out in the field now behind the Big Week for the churches. Those that I have been able to reach have responded nobly. Tacubaya heads the list with 132 sets [of books, three to a set], Mexico City church, 60 sets, and Arbol Grande, with 35 sets. The colporteurs,

SALES REPORT, BY UNIONS, MAY, 1924 CENTRAL AMERICAN BRANCH, PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSN.

	Subscription	Trade	Educa.	Tracts	Total
Antillian Union	5,987.25	412.85	3.00	.55	6,403.65
Aztec Union	1,943.00	220.50	16.20	5.45	2,185.15
Caribbean Union	4,044.20	137.85	7.00	11.55	4,200.60
Total for May, 1924	11,974.45	771.20	26.20	17.55	12,789.40
Total for May, 1293	7,856.40	697.25	40.30	60.00	8,653.95
Decreases			14.10	42.45	
Gains	4,118.05	73.95			4,135.45

SALES REPORT, JANUARY TO MAY, 1924

Bahamas		33.25	143.50		176.75
Cuba	8,184.30	632.80	15.00	40.55	9,833.05
Haiti	8.70	111.05	5.50	17.50	142.75
Jamaica	1,763.30	316.70	16.00		2,096.00
Porto Rico	945.50	160.30		15.00	1,120.80
Antillian Union	11,901.80	1,254.10	180.00	33.45	13,369.95
Guatemala	1,098.55	48.50		64.90	1,211.95
Honduras	209.20	351.20	93.50	40.25	694.15
Mexico	3,395.25	323.25	28.20	12.45	3,759.15
Salvador	2,565.00	139.80	39.55	2.00	2,746.35
Aztec Union	7,268.00	862.75	161.25	119.60	8,411.60
Colombia	1,875.50	66.95		.35	1,942.80
South Caribbean	2,412.70	405.80	8.10	7.60	2,834.20
Venezuela	143.85	184.55	3.10	11.25	342.75
West Caribbean	2,815.75	288.40	122.20	27.05	3,253.40
Caribbean Union	7,247.80	945.70	133.40	46.25	8,373.15
TOTAL SALES, 1924	26,417.60	3,062.55	474.65	199.30	30,154.10
TOTAL SALES, 1923	59,058.55	4,099.05	704.35	248.75	64,110.70
LOSS	32,220.55	1,012.00	229.70	46.15	33,508.40

The month of May was a good month for our literature work, the first month of 1924 in which the sales have exceeded the sales for the corresponding period of 1923. The total sales of nearly \$13,000 are more than \$4,000 better than for May of last year. In the five-months' report, it can be seen that the decrease in business now amounts to \$33,508.40 instead of a trifle over \$38,000, as we reported last month. So for the first time this year we are able to report improvement. We shall be pleased to do so for each succeeding month.

The largest sales for the month of May were to Cuba, amounting to more than \$5,500. We hope the present tie-up of business, due to the general railroad strike, will not interfere with the splendid business of Brother Williams' faithful band of colporteurs.

We had an interesting time, during May, sending out freight shipments to Salvador, Guatemala, Cuba, Jamaica, and South Caribbean, as well as a shipment to our Pacific Branch (not included in above report). It was our privilege also to ship a good quantity of books, both Spanish and English, to the Dominicana Mission, our first shipment to this new mission in the Antillian Union. The report for this will appear in our next statement of sales.

All the MESSENGER readers will be glad to learn that there is improvement in the volume of business that represents more gospel literature being scattered over Inter-America.

to a man, are out in the state of Morelos, doing their part of the Big Week on schedule time. I do not have the returns yet."

BEGINNING with July issue, *El Centinela* will run the series of health articles now appearing in the *Signs—Fundamentals in Diet*, by Dr. R. M. Clarke.

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side of the street when passing us or our house, and call on the different virgins to protect them from contamination of the Adventists. So we labor on, sowing the seed truly in tears, awaiting the day of the harvest that can not be far off, for there is not a person in this city that has not in some way heard the message." But although hedged in by such unpleasant surroundings, wherein lurks constant dangers, and although battling with disease that is threatening to drive him and his family from the field, Brother Borrowdale says: "I am trusting the Lord to overrule so that we can stay here until He comes. Pray for us to this end."

The Third Angel's Message is touching another tribe of Indians. The contact was brought about in this way. Four San Blas Indian boys came to the Panama Canal Commission, at Balboa, in search of an education. After studying the situation for a little while, one of the men in the Commission called up our West Caribbean Training School, located about fifteen miles from Balboa. The question was: "Would the school accept these young Indians in search of training? Said Professor C. J. Boyd, the principal of the school, in speaking of the experience, "We felt that God had sent these boys, and we could not refuse to take them. They come from a tribe that has not yet heard the Third Angel's Message." So our loving heavenly Father, who often works in a mysterious way His wonders to perform, is bringing to us some of His lost children to whom we have not yet gone, that the work may be finished all the more quickly.

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A general meeting has just closed in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Aside from the workers who attended from the union, Pastor E. E. Andross and Brother H. C. Kephart were present. Our workers in the Aztec Union have been very busy with many duties that had to wait for the darkest war clouds to disperse. They are of good courage. The work is onward.

"We are handicapped in many ways,"

wrote Sister C. V. Williams, from Honduras. "Our Sabbath Schools are widely scattered; and it takes a long time for the reports to come in; but I have made it my duty to have my report in on time every quarter." This breathes a spirit of service that is so essential to success in all lines of God's work.

A WARNING

"I am bidden to say to you that you know not how soon the crisis may come. It is stealing gradually upon us, as a thief. The sun shines in the heavens, passing over its usual round, and the heavens still declare the glory of God; men are still pursuing their usual course of eating and drinking, planting and building, marrying and giving in marriage; merchants are still engaged in buying and selling; publications are still issuing one upon another; men are jostling one against another, seeking to get the highest place; pleasure lovers are still attending theaters, horse races, gambling hells, and the highest excitement prevails; yet probation's hour is fast closing, and every case is about to be eternally decided. There are few who believe with heart and soul that we have a heaven to win and a hell to shun; but these few show their faith by their works. The signs of Christ's coming are fast fulfilling. Satan sees that he has but a short time in which to work, and he has set his satanic agencies to work to stir the elements of the world, in order that men may be deceived, deluded, and kept occupied and entranced until the day of probation shall be ended, and the door be forever shut."

—Mrs. E. G. White, in *Special Testimonies on Education*, p. 131.

"The small sums saved by deeds of sacrifice will do more for the rebuilding of the cause of God than larger gifts will accomplish that have not called for the denial of self." Vol. 9, p. 157.

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"The present circumstance, which presses so hard against you (if surrendered to Christ), is the best tool in the Father's hand to chisel you for eternity. Trust Him, then. Do not push away the instrument lest you lose its work."

NEWS ITEMS

Pastor E. E. Andross writes that he and Brother H. C. Kephart of the Pacific Press at Cristobal, Canal Zone, arrived safely in Honduras. On the way up the boat stopped over night at Port Limon, Costa Rica. In the evening the believers there and many outsiders gathered for a service.

Mrs. E. E. Andross expects to sail from Cristobal on June 5 to attend the meeting of the Jamaica Conference and Antillian Union Committee, in the interests of the Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer work there.

In a recent letter from Pastor M. E. Kern we learn that he expects to stop off at the Division headquarters on his way back to Washington, D. C., sometime in the first part of July. He has been on an extended trip thru South America.

Pastor S. E. Kellman writes that he has had a splendid trip to Porto Rico. The work in that island is progressing by leaps and bounds. By the time this comes off the press he will have visited Santo Domingo and Haiti.

The Sabbath School reports for the first quarter are like good news from a far country; but let us make them better still for the quarters that remain. Make the most of the Sabbath School and it will make the most of you and at the same time it will send forth a greater and still greater blessings to the regions beyond.

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