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## GOD'S LOVE FOR HIS CHURCH

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I testify to my brethren and sisters that the church of Christ, enfeebled and defective as it may be, is the only object on earth on which He bestows His supreme regard. While He extends to all the world His invitation to come to Him and be saved, He commissions His angels to render divine help to every soul that comes to Him in repentance and contrition, and He comes personally by His Holy Spirit into the midst of His church. "If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning." "Let Israel hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities." Psalm 130:3-8.

Ministers, and all the church, let this be our language, from hearts that respond to the great goodness and love of God to us as a people and to us individually, "Let Israel hope in the Lord from henceforth for ever." "Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God, praise the Lord; for the Lord is good; sing praises unto His name; for it is pleasant. For the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto Himself, and Israel for His peculiar treasure. For I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods." Consider, my brethren and sisters, that the Lord has a people, a chosen people, His church, to be His own, His own fortress, which He holds in a sin-stricken, revolted world; and He intended that no authority should be known in it, no laws be acknowledged by it but His own. Psalm 135:2-5.

Satan has a large confederacy, his church. Christ calls them the synagogue of Satan because the members are the children of sin. The members of Satan's

church have been constantly working to cast off the divine law and confuse the distinction between good and evil. Satan is working with great power in and through the children of disobedience, to exalt treason and apostasy as truth and loyalty. And at this time the power of his satanic inspiration is moving the living agencies to carry out the great rebellion against God that commenced in heaven.

At this time the church is to put on her beautiful garments—"Christ our righteousness." There are clear, decided

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### AWAKE!

*Church of the living God, awake!*

*Arise, go forth at His command;  
Behold the bonds of darkness break;  
The morning is at hand.*

*Then shall thy beauty win the earth,  
And alien hearts shall mercy crave,  
When those who name the Name go forth  
To witness and to save.*

*Go forth in the eternal strength;  
One soul redeemed shall outweigh  
All wealth and pomp and fame at  
length—  
Go work for God to-day!*

*His love would bid thee sloth forsake;  
Thy love shall bid His kingdom come;  
Church of the living God, awake  
And bring lost sinners home!  
—Selected.*

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distinctions to be restored and exemplified to the world in holding aloft the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. The beauty of holiness is to appear in its native lustre in contrast with the deformity and darkness of the disloyal, those who have revolted from the law of God. Thus we acknowledge God, and recognize His law, the founda-

tion of His government in heaven and throughout His earthly dominions. His authority should be kept distinct and plain before the world; and no laws are to be acknowledged that come in collision with the laws of Jehovah. If in defiance of God's arrangements the world be allowed to influence our decisions or our actions, the purpose of God is defeated. However specious the pretext, if the church waver here, there is written against her in the books of heaven a betrayal of the most sacred trusts, and treachery to the kingdom of Christ. The church is firmly and decidedly to hold her principles before the whole heavenly universe and the kingdoms of the world; steadfast fidelity in maintaining the honor and sacredness of the law of God will attract the notice and admiration of even the world, and many will by the good works which they shall behold be led to glorify our Father in heaven. The loyal and true bear the credentials of heaven, not of earthly potentates. All men shall know who are the disciples of Christ, chosen and faithful, and shall know them when crowned and glorified as those who honored God and whom He has honored, bringing them into possession of an eternal weight of glory.

The language of the Psalmist may be adopted by the commandment-keeping people of God: "Thou hast commanded us to keep Thy precepts diligently. Oh, that my ways were directed to keep Thy statutes! Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all Thy commandments. I will praise Thee with uprightness of heart when I shall have learned Thy righteous judgments." "Thy hands have made me and fashioned me; give me understanding; that I may learn Thy commandments."

The Lord has provided His church with capabilities and blessings that they may present to the world an image of His own sufficiency, and that His church may be complete in Him, a continual representation of another, even the eternal world, of laws that are higher than

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*PRESSING FORWARD UNITEDLY*

My heart was greatly cheered, and my faith in the early triumph of this message, which we all love so dearly, was materially strengthened by a recent visit to the Aztec and Antillian Unions. In each union the executive committee held its first meeting—the former at San Pedro Sula, Honduras, and the latter at Kingston, and Mandeville, Jamaica.

Careful study was given to every local field in each union with the purpose of strengthening the weak places, and of distributing the small force of laborers over as much of the field as possible. With the very limited number of workers at our command it hardly seemed possible to do more than hold the territory now occupied. In some places we must have additional help or we shall subject the cause to the danger of serious loss.

Never have I seen men face tremendous tasks—tasks that are far beyond the power of man to compass—with braver hearts nor with greater courage than did the men carrying the heavy responsibilities of leadership in all these fields. In some of the missions the brethren are compelled to hazard their lives in traveling over their fields. It is not a question with them of convenience or comfort in travel, but of facing perils that are real, and that are ever present.

Through all the hardships of mission life in such fields the hearts of the brethren were cheerful. As we studied the promises of God no amount of personal danger could dampen their ardor or weaken their courage and faith in the ever-present help, and the over-ruling providence of the great, the mighty God, who is leading His commandment-keeping people on to an early and glorious triumph. All hearts were knit more closely together than ever before; and we separated, each to return to his field of labor with the assurance that he would toil on, not alone, but in company with a host of other toilers whose hearts are beating in perfect sympathy with his and whose prayers are constantly ascending to the throne of God in his behalf.

Never have I seen greater confidence manifested in the simple truths of the Third Angel's Message just as they were given to us at the beginning of this great second advent movement. Repeatedly the brethren freely and unqualifiedly bore witness to their confidence in the divine leadership of God's remnant people, and in the absolute certainty of the triumph of this great movement just

as outlined in prophetic history, and as proclaimed by the pioneers.

Notwithstanding the slender line of workers stretching over these two union mission fields, with a population of about 30,000,000, the brethren resolved to open up new fields, following as closely as possible in God's opening providences. This calls for larger offerings on the part of God's people, and greater efforts to build up our training schools for the preparation of consecrated workers. Let us pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain, and let us pray especially that God may baptize with special power and wisdom those entrusted with the leadership of His people.

E. E. ANDROSS.

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*NOTES A-FIELD*

It was a blessed pleasure to visit Porto Rico for the first time. This little island teeming with people is covered with a net-work of good roads. It would seem that Porto Rico is one of the most thickly populated islands of the West Indies. The language is Spanish; but under the American occupancy, English is being acquired rapidly by the population, and no doubt, in a few years, English will be spoken as commonly as Spanish is to-day. Elder H. E. Baasch is superintending the work in an able manner, and is receiving the hearty cooperation of his many co-workers. We visited a few companies of believers and found among them the same love of the truth as abounds in other fields that I have visited.

A very interesting time was spent visiting a new company developed at Fajardo. I had the privilege of speaking on two occasions to this company, and my interest in them was especially pleasing, because the entire company was developed by a colporteur who was located in the town to sell our literature and who was able under the blessing of God to find these precious souls and teach them the Third Angel's Message. Our colporteurs are doing a blessed work in all these fields where Catholicism and superstition reigns; and oftentimes it is only by the printed page that we can gain an entrance. I left the workers in Porto Rico of good courage, and planning to make 1924 the banner year.

Leaving Porto Rico, I took steamer for Puerto Plata on the northern coast of Santo Domingo where Pastor Elliott and G. D. Raff met me. From this place we went to Moca. Here I was pleased to become acquainted with Pastor C. N.

Moulton who has labored for many years in the West Indies. The day following our arrival, we were compelled to continue our journey, going over-land across the desert to the Republic of Haiti. We were privileged to visit the churches at Cape Haitien and Port-au-Prince, and to spend some time at the school farm at Vaudriél.

Haiti is a very thickly populated country; but on every hand will be seen the destructive work of the revolutions. The people are for the most part very poor; and conditions are very primitive. Yet when they have heard this truth and have given themselves to God, they develop into very earnest, self-sacrificing Seventh-day Adventists. We met a number of the young people working at the school farm, and their interest and devotion were very marked. The school is in its infancy and needs considerable equipment to enable it to function properly, and to carry on its work of developing character and in training our young people to be useful Christians, that they may act their part in carrying forward this gospel. We trust that it will be possible to strengthen the hands of Pastor Elliott and his associates so that they may carry out their plans to make this school a center from which workers may be trained and sent forth to all the French-speaking portions of our Division.

S. E. KELLMAN.

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*HARVEST INGATHERING SUCCESS*

While visiting Porto Rico, we were encouraged to note the enthusiasm with which the Harvest Ingathering work was done by every one.

This year, the brethren in Porto Rico had a most excellent campaign. The superintendent organized all the workers into groups for soliciting purposes. These groups went from town to town, following a carefully devised plan, and worked steadily at the task of soliciting funds during the Harvest Ingathering campaign. As a result of this definite leadership and systematic planning, something like \$4,200 was gathered. When we remember that last year this field reported less than \$1,900 it will be seen that a gain of nearly \$2,500 was effected over last year. Time did not suffice for them to work the entire island, and the workers are all confident that next year Porto Rico will be able to report about \$6,000 for the Harvest Ingathering.

In 1923, Haiti gathered \$80.48 in their Ingathering campaign. This year in spite of the poverty of the people, and the financial crisis that prevails through-

out the island, the leaders planned to increase materially the results over former years. An effort has been made to instruct the workers and churches, who have never really taken hold of this work before, and thus far over \$500 has been gathered in actual cash. A beginning has been made; and although this is a very strong Catholic field, and determined opposition to our work is felt on every hand, the workers all feel encouraged, and believe that next year still better results will be seen.

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#### FROM PLACE TO PLACE

On May 6, in company with Brother G. D. Raff, I left Havana for a trip of several months. Our first stop was at Bartle, Cuba, where our school for the Spanish speaking youth is located. This school has had a rather precarious existence for the last few years. Only a few students have been in attendance so that at times the faculty has been almost as large as the student body. This probably is due to the fact that no well directed effort has been put forth to secure a larger body of students, and no plan had been developed whereby worthy students may pay their way through. Long continued droughts have affected the crops on the school farm.

During our stay at the school, a board meeting was held; and a definite plan was laid for encouraging students to take hold of the scholarship plan. Times are prosperous in Cuba, and we see no reason why several young people should not be able to make their scholarships for the coming year. A number have expressed their intention to do this, for which we are glad. We are aiming to put this school—as well as others in the Union—as nearly as possible on a self-supporting basis.

We have been greatly encouraged over the friendly attitude of an English firm owning land adjoining our school farm. This firm has practically given the school 76 acres of land which was very essential to the economical operation of the school. This will make it possible for some of the young men to work part of their way through school. Another very encouraging offer comes

from a man who owns and operates the only large woodworking factory in Cuba. It represents an investment of \$25,000. This man has offered to turn this factory over to the school without the investment of a cent on the part of the school. He also offers to pay all expenses of operation and asks only to draw 50% of the net profits. The Mission Committee has asked that the proposition be submitted in writing for further study.

From Bartle, we went to Santiago de Cuba, where we waited several days for a boat to Haiti. Finally we decided to take one to the Dominican Republic. Arranging by cable for Pastor Elliott, superintendent of the Haitien mission, to meet us at Santiago, we took a narrow gauge train up to this place in the mountains. Not finding Pastor Elliott there, we decided to take an auto to another place. On the way, however, while our chauffeur was mending a tire, Brother Elliott drove up; and soon we were spinning back again over the road we had just come, for he was going on to meet Pastor S. E. Kellman, secretary-treasurer of the Inter-American Division. While waiting for his arrival, which was delayed about a week, we had several good meetings with the believers around Moca, where Brother C. N. Moulton has been laboring.

The next morning after Pastor Kellman's arrival, we started bright and early for Cape Haitien, where we arrived safely without any auto trouble. We found Sister Elliott and the boys in the school anxious because of the long delay. Pastor Kellman spent most of the time in Haiti auditing the books in the office. The boat schedule cut our visit in Haiti rather short. The only boat that would bring us to Jamaica in time for the meeting there would get us in ten days early. However, this only meant that we were face to face with the ever present problem of travel in this field. We were compelled to take the boat—and the only boat—that would get us there in time. Pastor Elliott joined our group, and the four of us had a very pleasant trip from Haiti to Kingston, Jamaica, where we landed June 2.

Just after landing, Brother Raff went directly to Mandeville where he was to open a colporteur institute the next day. At this delightful place in the mountains our school is located; and here was held the very successful meetings which we greatly enjoyed. In Kingston we found Brother J. G. Pettey and his helpers hard at work in the conference office; and Elder W. J. Hurdon closing a very successful tent effort. He had been having as high as fifteen hundred out to his Sunday night services. A

goodly number had taken their stand for the truth. Before we left the island, plans were laid for erecting a new church building to accommodate this new company of about 65 believers, as the church we now have there is already filled to overflowing.

The scattered condition of the different fields in this Union make it necessary to lose much time in going from one field to another. The shipping is somewhat uncertain, and it seems to be difficult to get definite information in regard to the dates of sailing from one port to another. It is necessary to plan long ahead and to expect to lose many days waiting at different ports. But our work is extending so rapidly now that we find believers in most of the places where it is necessary to stop, so the time can be used to good advantage in counselling with them and helping them along the pathway of life.

J. A. LELAND.

#### THE HAITIEN SEMINARY

The Haitien Seminary closed its third year April 27, 1924. The year had marked a number of improvements in the school which greatly encouraged both the teachers and the students. In fact the establishment and strengthening of this institution is bringing new hope and courage to the entire membership of the Haitien Mission. For more than eighteen years, earnest believers have been giving themselves and their children to the Lord in Haiti; however, until three years ago we had no church school and no training school of any sort. With the light of the truth had come a longing for a better knowledge of how to live a practical Christian life. Many earnest prayers had ascended to the throne of our Father for help in this great need, and now that help is beginning to come, hearts are rejoicing everywhere. True, our school cannot begin to receive all who are anxious to come, for we haven't the room, equipment, or the teachers necessary. Neither are we properly equipped to carry forward the work with the present enrollment; but there is a beginning and we are happy, trusting the Lord for further help as He sees we need it.

The school has also been heralded far and wide among those not of our faith. Catholics and Protestants alike, speak their approbation; and we have greater favor with the people and officials than ever before in the history of our work in this field. This institution represents the sort of education which the country needs most, and it is appreciated and approved on its merits. Every effort

is being made to conduct it after the plan given us by the servant of the Lord. The teachers and students do all the work connected with improvements to the property and this year it is planned to enter enthusiastically into an agricultural program.

The spiritual condition of the school is especially encouraging. The spirit of service for the Lord—and service, any time, anywhere—seems to fill each heart. Two students entirely strange to the faith were accepted at the opening of the last school year; and with the help of the Lord students and teachers were able to win these to a love for the truth. Both are very anxious to return this coming year, and we hope during that term to witness their burial with the Lord in baptism.

We are hoping to be able to strengthen both our teaching force and equipment somewhat this year. Last year we were able to provide place for only 34 students. More than twice that number of select young people are earnestly pleading with us to be granted a place. We have only two teachers at present; we have no library, though some of our students are in the twelfth grade; no laboratory facilities; no agricultural equipment, no work shop, only a few tools. Our chapel is inadequate and we have no proper dormitories. Forward movements under such conditions are hard and require the best that is in us; yet we rejoice in sharing the burdens of this closing work with the rest of God's people. Though it is difficult to secure financial aid, we are not complaining or unhappy for we know Him in whom we have trusted for the finishing of His work in Haiti.

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### OUR AZTEC UNION MEETING

Our first committee meeting in the Aztec Union was held in San Pedro, Honduras, from May 22 to 30. There was a full attendance of the members of the committee together with a few of our workers in Honduras; and Pastor E. E. Andross, of the Inter-American Division office, and Brother H. C. Kephart, who has charge of the Pacific Press branch in the Canal Zone.

First of all, our meeting was a real spiritual uplift to all the workers present. The most important feature was the daily study of the Bible and the Testimonies conducted by Pastor Andross. As he brought before us the real need of the human soul now to enable us to proclaim more fully the Sabbath message and emphasized that Christ will come in this generation, our workers were drawn close together and a mighty blessing came in upon us. Strong men wept, and gave their hearts anew to Christ. Sins were confessed and the Holy Spirit met with us and gave power to the quiet preaching of the Word. Never has the message seemed so clear: a new desire to be like the Holy One rested upon all. Our daily prayer was, "Teach us Thy ways and reveal to us Thy plans that we may follow Thee." Our prayers were answered.

One of the problems that received very careful study was the question of how we can best work for the millions of Indians in the Aztec Union who still remain untouched by the Third Angel's Message. The committee agreed to start among them a system of such schools as have been operated so successfully in the Lake Titicaca region. These can be operated with comparatively little expense; and we believe that they will add greatly to the number of those who are now rejoicing in the Blessed Hope in our great field. Plans were also laid for stronger church school work.

Prayerful study was given to the ministry—its needs and standards. And for help in this line, we are looking to our Union Training School at Mexico City with hopeful eyes. This school will be for the training of workers and will accept none except those who enter to prepare themselves for some definite line of our organized work. Here the faithful minister, book man, Bible worker, school teacher and office helpers will be trained for their special part and will be trained to be soul winners for the Master. They will be led daily to the Great Fountainhead, and His grace, His wisdom and His power will be their All in All. Only those who have been trained and who show a personal connection with the Saviour will be put into the field as conference workers.

There were also many other problems to wrestle with; and our hearts were filled with gratitude to God for leading us in all our deliberations. The departmental work received attention. Brother Kephart gave splendid help in the book work. We decided to place our literature work on a stronger footing. In fact, as a band of workers we left

that meeting determined to work as never before to build up all lines of work that each may fill its appointed place in the speedy finishing of the work in the Aztec Union.

Bound together anew in the bonds of brotherly love and confidence, the workers turned their faces toward home Friday morning, May 30, happy in the assurance of the triumph of the message and the coming of Christ in this generation.

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### AN APPEAL WITHOUT WORDS

On Good Friday we were driving in the auto from Caracas to Valencia, a distance of about 90 miles. About half the way down is a place named San Mateo (St. Matthew). Just as we entered this place about 4 p. m., we saw a large procession coming down the main street. They were carrying on a float about 6 x 9 feet the life sized image of Christ in a coffin.

As there was no room to pass we turned up a side street thinking to go round by another way; but another procession came from that direction carrying a large cross surrounded with flowers and candles. As escape was cut off we stopped at the side of the street to wait until they would pass, but as they marched very slowly we had to wait some time. The company with the cross soon stopped and waited for the procession with the coffin to join them. The "coffin procession" now turned the corner and came by our auto. At our side they set down the float to rest as it was very heavy. Thus we got a splendid close-up view of it.

The float was more or less like a very large table. Around this was a heavy black curtain which hung almost to the ground to hide the men beneath, who were carrying it. They held up the curtains to get a little air as it was hot under there. In the center of this float on a little platform was placed the coffin containing the life sized wax figure of Christ. The coffin had glass sides so the figure could be distinctly seen, revealing the nail prints in the hands and feet, the spear thrust in his side, and where the crown of thorns had torn the brow.

About and above the coffin in vases were many artificial flowers and burning

candles as well as many other things for decorations. A flute and some violins played a doleful funeral dirge while several men with boards to which were hinged pieces of iron swung them about in such a way as to produce a clattering noise. The priest with his boy attendants went before, swinging a censer of burning incense.

I should judge that the entire village had turned out. There were men, women, and children. All were well dressed and many carried candles. The older women followed counting their beads and repeating prayers. One might think this would be an ignorant class; but not so. It was plain to see that many among them were educated and refined. I was informed that many are ashamed of these customs but as they are quite universally observed all join in them.

We are glad to say the truth of the Third Angel is finding the honest in heart in Venezuela, and calls for some one to teach the truth are continually coming to us from those who are seeking light. It is gratifying to hear the testimony of thanksgiving from many who have turned from such scenes as this to rejoice in the truth.

W. E. BAXTER.

#### WEST CARIBBEAN NOTES

On returning to the office after an absence of nearly three months, I am pleased to report something about my trip.

From Colon on April the first I sailed in a small schooner to Bluefields, Nicaragua, where Brethren A. G. Nelson, and G. H. Nembhard joined me in a visit to Corn Island. During our stay on the island, we held meetings every night, and the interest increased steadily. The people there say we had the best attendance to a religious meeting that they ever witnessed.

From Corn Island, Brother Nelson accompanied me to Rio Grande, where services were also held with a good interest. On returning to Bluefields, a visit was made to Pearl Lagoon, then to the Bar of Rio Colorado. At the Bar of Rio Colorado, I found two Spanish sisters, young women who were driven from their home because they refused to continue in the Catholic church. Their father said that if they wished to be *masones* and go along with that heretic religion, they would have to leave home. So they had to leave. They were greatly pleased to see and hear of our conference work, not knowing that we had such an organization as the West Caribbean Conference; but they did know that

the Lord's Sabbath is the seventh day. So when I found them on that Sabbath day, they were keeping it.

Eight days from the time I left Bluefields, I arrived at Granada, a large city on the south-western shore of Lake Nicaragua. From there I passed on to Costa Rica. Aubrey Wright, our veteran and pioneer brother, and a sister whom I baptized in Lake Nicaragua, were rejoicing in the truth. There is good railroad service on the Pacific coast of Nicaragua. Spanish is the only language spoken; and there are within reach of the railroad 300,000 or more of these people with only two Adventists among them, and with no worker to teach them the truth.

At San Jose, Costa Rica, the work is prospering too. There another young woman, who has suffered persecution, has had to leave her home in order to obey the truth, and keep the commandments. She was beaten two or three times with a club which left her badly lacerated and scarred; but notwithstanding this persecution she remained a loyal Seventh-day Adventist. I had the privilege of baptizing her while up in San José. She like those other two Spanish sisters, chose "rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season."

After visiting Limon, and Cahuita, Costa Rica, where we held services, I was glad to return home for a short time.

Traveling is difficult in most of those regions. On the boats there was no place but the deck to sleep on, and no food was served to the passengers. We had to carry all that we wanted to eat along with us for the entire trip from Bluefields to Granada. All the places where we have believers, meetings were held. The people not of our faith all seemed eager to hear. Our brethren were greatly encouraged as was manifested in the response to a call for a higher plane of life and a deeper consecration to God for the finishing of this work.

W. R. POHLE.

#### COMING OUT OF A STORM

For the past two years, the work in Costa Rica has been like a good old ship, in a tremendous storm. We were almost blown away; and we lost some of our tacklings, but thank God, we are almost out of the storm, and although we still bear the marks of our encounter, our hearts are full of courage.

As in other places, the devil through his agents, purporting to be reformers, deceived quite a number of our believers, pulled down one of our churches, and took charge of another. We are

glad to report, however, that at least seven from the church have returned; and in spite of our membership being less than heretofore, our tithes and offerings have gone up far beyond our expectations; hence we praise God, from the depths of our hearts.

Prior to the storm our membership in Port Limon was sixty four. We lost just about half. At the present time, however, we have reached fifty; and prospects are bright for more.

Our Sabbath school has gone far above anything known to the history of the work here. The offerings have doubled, in spite of our reduced membership. We need the Pilot now, as never before, for we are nearing port, and only He can steer us safely through the narrows into the Haven, where these storms will never invade. We are determined to be true and faithful until the good work is done and the Master comes.

LIN RASHFORD.

#### GOD'S LOVE FOR HIS CHURCH

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earthly laws. His church is to be a temple built after the divine similitude; and the angelic architect has brought his golden measuring rod from heaven that every stone may be hewed and squared by the divine measurement, and polished to shine as an emblem of heaven, radiating in all directions the bright, clear beams of the Sun of Righteousness. The church is to be fed with manna from heaven, and to be kept under the sole guardianship of His grace. Clad in complete armour of light and righteousness she enters upon her final conflict. The dross, the worthless material, will be consumed, and the influence of the truth testifies to the world of its sanctifying, ennobling character.

"The Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord. As for Me, this is My covenant with them, saith the Lord; My Spirit that is upon thee, and My word which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth." "Arise, shine; for thy Light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

God has in training a people chosen, elect, precious. They were once the children of disobedience, disloyal to God.

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	Subscription	Trade	Educa.	Tracts	Total
Antillian Union	3,528.95	223.90	5.25	6.00	3,764.10
Aztec Union	1,386.00	74.05		23.50	1,483.55
Caribbean Union	1,928.00	91.70	15.80	6.50	2,042.00
<i>Total for June, 1924</i>	6,842.95	389.65	21.05	36.00	7,289.65
<i>Total for June, 1923</i>	15,705.05	546.05	49.95	135.45	16,436.50
<b>LOSS</b>	8,862.10	156.40	28.90	99.45	9,146.85

### SALES REPORT, JANUARY TO JUNE, 1924

Bahamas	260.00	44.40	143.50	6.00	453.90
Cuba	10,769.55	693.40	15.00	.95	11,478.90
Dominicana	1,601.00	30.00			1,631.00
Haiti	61.60	152.45	5.50	17.50	237.05
Jamaica	1,768.10	382.45	21.25		2,171.80
Porto Rico	970.50	175.30		15.00	1,160.80
<b>ANTILLIAN UNION</b>	15,430.75	1,478.00	185.25	39.45	17,133.45
Guatemala	1,098.55	48.50		64.90	1,211.95
Honduras	1,154.20	421.05	93.50	40.25	1,709.00
Mexico	3,395.25	326.95	28.20	12.45	3,762.85
Salvador	3,006.00	140.30	39.55	25.50	3,211.35
<b>AZTEC UNION</b>	8,654.00	936.80	161.25	143.10	9,895.15
Colombia	2,759.50	88.95		2.95	2,851.40
South Caribbean	3,166.45	440.00	8.10	8.50	3,623.05
Venezuela	157.35	190.15	3.10	11.25	361.85
West Caribbean	3,092.50	318.30	138.00	30.05	3,578.85
<b>CARIBBEAN UNION</b>	9,175.80	1,037.40	149.20	52.75	10,415.15
<i>Total Sales, 1924</i>	33,260.55	3,452.20	495.70	235.30	37,443.75
<i>Total Sales, 1923</i>	74,763.60	4,645.10	754.30	384.20	80,547.20
<b>LOSS</b>	41,503.05	1,192.90	258.60	148.90	43,103.45

### GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH VENEZUELA

In developing the colporteur work in Venezuela, Brother F. W. Steeves, who recently took charge of the field work in that republic, has been having varied experiences. We quote the following paragraphs from his latest letter:

"After my trip to Puerto Cabello, I made a trip over to the east of Caracas to help the brother who is working with *Guia Práctico*. I had a very interesting trip, and we had fine success selling in several small villages, also among the cocoa growers. One part was not so interesting, when I was going through it at least, and that was spending two days in jail. I believe that the "beast" wanted to make us a little trouble. I did not have my passport, as I have never carried it traveling in the interior of these countries. After much walking we came down to a little port on the sea, where I wanted to take a sail boat back to La Guaira; but they would not let

me sail without a passport. I went to see the *jefe civil* about getting permission, and after going several times at his order, he locked us up, saying that he had orders to lock us up while they investigated the publishing house we were working for. They searched our baggage, took our knives and razors, and kept us guarded with armed negroes. I did not feel much like taking it peaceably, but I thought it was the best thing to do, and if possible get my come-back afterwards.

"When they released us they gave me permission to sail, but when I got to La Guaira they said the paper was not worth anything, and they would not let me land. I remained on a little sailing vessel in the harbour for over twenty-four hours, until Elder Baxter came down and got me off.

"My last trip was to the west, where I went to help my man working with *Patriarcas*. I went about two hundred miles, mostly by auto. They have many good roads for auto here, making it easy

for me to get around to help my canvassers. I got a glimpse of the *llanos* and the great stretches of roads that run through the interior. We visited the capital of the state of Lara, and with the blessing of the Lord we were successful in taking orders for forty-five *Patriarcas*, besides many sets of the small books. Truly we must say it is a grand work when so many beautiful, large books like *Patriarchs* can be put into the hands of these Catholic people. We must thank the Lord for such a wonderful means of getting our truth before the people. I have had one report from this man since I left him, and he is still doing fine.

"We like it very well here and can see great prospects for the future of the literature work in Venezuela. We want to get several more good men in the field as soon as possible. Since the Convention has been postponed, I will plan to go over to the Andes and the Maracaibo district to get some more work started before long."

### ALL-AROUND RELIEF MEASURE

The publishing house, a tract society, several churches, and a number of individuals have benefitted from a recent announcement that a stock of certain small books which have been on the market for a long time were obtainable at a special bargain price if the entire stock were to be called for.

The South Caribbean Tract Society called for all of our stock of one of these books. Now we have an interesting note from Miss Edmed, the secretary, explaining the use to which these books were put. The books were distributed among some of the churches that were in debt to the tract society, for a very determined effort has been put forth to get every church free from debt. The members manifested a splendid spirit of co-operation in handling this relief book. They sold the books at a slight reduction from the regular price, many turning in the entire profit for this purpose, and all the gain on the sale of such books was placed to the credit of their old debts. The debts are being reduced as a result.

The publishing house is pleased to have its shelves cleared of books for which the demand has become very small. The tract society succeeds in reducing and cancelling some old accounts. Church members appreciate the opportunity to get the burden of debt wiped out, and many good books, containing a valuable message of truth, are circulated far and near. Thus relief has come all along the line.

**THE SIX MONTHS' SALES REPORT**

Readers of the MESSENGER will take interest in the report of book sales, appearing in this issue, regardless of the fact that the report does not very favorably compare with the sales for the corresponding portion of 1923. This year's six months' total of \$37,000 is not quite one-half the total sales from January to June of last year.

The report represents a fairly strong argument in favor of keeping our conferences and mission fields manned with colporteur leaders. With scarcely an exception those fields having field secretaries are handling literature in as large quantities this year as last, while most of the fields that are temporarily without such leadership contribute very large to the decrease in book business.

Since our literature is a very effective means of preaching the gospel, we want to see greater impetus given to this department of the work in Inter-America. We believe all will unite with us in praying that suitable leaders may be found to direct the efforts of our colporteurs, and that the army of colporteurs may be strengthened and increased.

**MAGAZINE CIRCULATION**

There will be no *El Centinela* for general sale for the month of August. This year's Ingathering magazine bears the August date. Those who are selling single copies of the Spanish magazine will not receive August papers for that purpose, therefore. We aim to have the September issue ready to send out by August 10, and in the meantime we can supply more July papers for those who are anxious to get papers earlier than that. Subscribers will of course receive the August issue.

Special announcements, describing the leading contents of the September issue, will be sent out soon. We look for some large increases in the standing orders, and for steady growth of the circulation in succeeding months.

The report of the circulation for June appears below. It shows the smallest rate of gain over the issues for the previous year of any number thus far in 1924. This is not because the circulation of the June magazine was smaller than ordinary, but because the circulation a year ago suddenly expanded. It would be a fine thing to make similar expansion now, increasing the total circulation to not less than 20,000. Are you interested in reaching such a goal? A good, united pull at this time will make a very agreeable change in the totals of the circulation report. Let's all pull for 20,000!

**TWO VIEWS OF A RAINY DAY**

Two boys were partners in canvassing and were about twenty-five miles apart on this rainy day. One wrote to the Field Secretary as follows:

"I have been having bum luck here in this country and am not very well satisfied with the territory. I would like to have you come over at your earliest convenience and see what the trouble is. It snows and rains half the time and the roads are not passable the other half. This is 10 A. M. Thursday morning and I have been here since last night waiting for a snow storm to subside."

**"EL CENTINELA" CIRCULATION, JUNE, 1924**

Cuba	5775	
Dominicana	301	
Porto Rico	608	
<i>Antillian Union</i>		6685
Colombia	1447	
South Caribbean	7	
Venezuela	544	
West Caribbean	412	
<i>Caribbean Union</i>		2410
Guatemala	203	
Honduras	72	
Mexico	1798	
Salvador	552	
<i>Aztec Union</i>		2625
Arizona	71	
California	407	
Colorado	36	
Florida	20	
Iowa	25	
New Mexico	8	
Texas	659	
Miscellaneous	30	
<i>United States</i>		1256
Philippines	58	
Foreign, Misc.	24	
<b>TOTAL CIRCULATION</b>	<b>13,058</b>	
Circulation, June 1923	10,610	
<b>GAIN</b>	<b>2,448</b>	
<i>Rate of Gain</i>	<i>23%</i>	

Of the same day the other wrote: "Everything is going fine. I have a report of \$102.50 to send in this week. It rained and snowed all day Thursday. Two or three inches of snow on the ground in the morning. Had to leave my bike and come back and get it. I put one over the devil that time as I took \$24.00 worth of orders before dinner regardless of the weather. Was just soaked all day."

**NOTES FROM THE PRESS**

Brother A. I. Torres, formerly connected with the training school at Siguatepeque, Honduras, reached Cristobal the 29th of June, to connect with the publishing house. He has gone into the editorial rooms, to assist Brother E. R. Johnson in translating work and general editorial duties. We have been facing the need for additional help for many months, and are very thankful that Brother Torres was released by the Aztec Union Mission to join the staff of workers in the publishing house.

Work is progressing nicely on the Spanish Harvest Ingathering magazine for this year. We expect to send out a large portion of the Ingathering edition before the close of July. Orders are coming in by every mail, and we expect the total requirements for this year's Ingathering effort in the Spanish portions of Inter-America and the States will be greater than ever before. The cover, similar to the cover on the English edition prepared at Nashville, is a very fine piece of work, and the entire issue will be the finest we have ever had for our Spanish territory. We hope the paper will contribute toward a very successful Ingathering campaign. Our Jubilee year ought to be a banner year.

Word comes to us of the appointment of new leaders for field and office work. We rejoice to learn that some of the vacancies will likely be filled soon. We hope all the men needed for literature work may be supplied, and that the Convention we had planned to hold here this month may come at a suitable time for all the field, and that it will bring together the strongest group of field missionary and tract society secretaries we have ever had in this part of the world.

Recent visitors at the office, aside from Elder and Mrs. Andross, Elders S. E. Kellman, J. A. Leland, and D. A. Parsons, and Prof. W. H. Wineland, all of whom arrived from Jamaica on the second instant, and Elder B. E. Beddoe, from Washington, D. C., were: Brother Fred Brower, returning to the States for a short time, after a term of colporteur service in Colombia; Dr. Charles Campbell, from Loma Linda, on his way to Colombia, where he is investigating some openings for medical work; Elder and Mrs. E. H. Wilcox, on furlough to the States after several years of service in the Inca Union, and Elder M. E. Kern, on his way home from a tour of South America. We were glad to greet all these workers.

OUR WORK

Because the Master is not here
With His own hand to-day
To feed the hungry multitudes
Who throng life's busy way,
He gives the task to you and me;
He bids us hear their cry;
He says that if we turn from them,
We also pass Him by.

Our eyes are blind, we only see
An outcast at our door;
Yet said He not Himself that they
Who feed and clothe the poor
Give unto Him?—Then day by day
For such a royal Guest
Shall we not bring with willing hands
Our choicest and our best?

—Selected.

GOD'S LOVE FOR HIS PEOPLE

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But now "ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light, which in times past were not a people but are now the people of God; which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy." The Lord Jesus is making experiments on human hearts through the exhibition of His mercy and abundant grace. He is effecting transformations so amazing that Satan with all his triumphant boastings, with all his confederacy of evil united against God and the laws of His government, stands viewing them as a fortress impregnable to his sophistries and delusions. They are to him an incomprehensible mystery. The angels of God, seraphim and cherubim, the powers commissioned to co-operate with human agencies, look on with astonishment and joy, that fallen men, once children of wrath, are through the training of Christ developing characters after the divine similitude, to be sons and daughters of God, to act an important part in the occupations and pleasures of heaven.

To His church, Christ has given am-

ple facilities, that He may receive a large revenue of glory from His redeemed, purchased possession. The church being endowed with the righteousness of Christ, is His depository, in which the wealth of His mercy, His love, His grace, is to appear in full and final display. The declaration in His intercessory prayer, that the Father's love is as great towards us as towards Himself, the only begotten Son, and that we shall be with Him where He is, for ever one with Christ and the Father, is a marvel to the heavenly host, and it is their great joy. The gift of His Holy Spirit, rich, full and abundant, is to His church as an encompassing wall of fire, which the powers of hell shall not prevail against. In their untainted purity and spotless perfection Christ looks upon His people as the reward of all His suffering, His humiliation and His love, and the supplement of His glory. Christ is the great Center from which radiates all glory. "Blessed are they which are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb."

Pastors Andross and Kellman, and Mrs. E. E. Andross have returned again to headquarters after their visits in the field. They were accompanied by Pastors J. A. Leland and D. A. Parsons from the Antillian and Aztec Unions, who will represent their respective fields at the Division Council.

It was found necessary to postpone the Publishers' Convention announced for July. This meeting will likely be held in 1925 when it is hoped that the vacancies in the leadership of some of our union and local fields will be filled, and a stronger and more representative convention be held.

Among other new recruits to this field are Brother Ernest Pohle, who is to connect with the work in Guatemala, and Brethren J. B. Nelson and H. A. B. Robinson, who come for book work in the Aztec Union. Surely this gives promise of brighter days for this interesting field, with its great possibilities for remarkable advancement.

The denomination Golden Jubilee in foreign mission work occurs on Sept. 27, 1924. The Review plans a special campaign which opens with a special Jubilee number. From Sept. 27 to Oct. 31, on payment of the regular price a fifteen months' subscription will be entered. It is hoped that every home in this Division, where the English language is read, will subscribe at this time for the good old Review.

The next Home Missionary day is November 1. Plan to make this date one that will count for the enlisting of every layman in the Home Missionary Movement.

"OUR ONLY SAFEGUARD against the wiles of Satan is to study the Scriptures diligently, to have an intelligent understanding of the reasons of our faith, and faithfully to perform every known duty."

—Mrs E. G. White.

"THERE'S no defeat in life save from within; unless you are beaten there, you are sure to win."

NEWS ITEMS

As we go to press, Pastor B. E. Beddoe of the secretarial department of the General Conference has arrived at Balboa to join us in counsel during the annual Division meeting to convene this month.

Prof. M. E. Kern, General Conference secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department, spent a day at Division headquarter's while on his return trip home after seven months' tour of the South American Division. We regret we could not have a longer visit from Brother Kern.

Last Sabbath morning, when the S. S. Venezuela docked at Balboa, we were made glad to welcome Miss Katheryn Haynal, one of its passengers. She comes from Walla Walla College to the Division office, which has long been greatly in need of another worker.

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