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## *Our Present Duty and the Coming Crisis*

"Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." The very atmosphere is polluted with sin. Soon God's people will be tested by fiery trials, and the great proportion of those who now appear to be genuine and true will prove to be base metal. Instead of being strengthened and confirmed by opposition, threats, and abuse, they will cowardly take the side of the opposers. The promise is, "Them that honor me I will honor." Shall we be less firmly attached to God's law because the world at large have attempted to make it void?

Already the judgments of God are abroad in the land, as seen in storms, in floods, in tempests, in earthquakes, in perils by land and by sea. The great I AM is speaking to those who make void His law. When God's wrath is poured out upon the earth, who will then be able to stand? Now is the time for God's people to show themselves true to principle. When the religion of Christ is most held in contempt, when His law is most despised, then should our zeal be the warmest and our courage the most unflinching. To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few,—this will be our test. At this time we must gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, and loyalty from their treason. The nation will be on the side of the great rebel leader.

The days of purification of the church are hastening on apace. God will have a people pure and true. In the mighty sifting soon to take place, we shall be better able to measure the strength of Israel. The signs reveal that the time is near when the Lord will manifest that His fan is in His hand, and that He soon will thoroughly purge His floor.

The days are fast approaching when there will be great perplexity and con-

fusion. Satan, clothed in angel robes, will deceive, if possible, the very elect. There will be gods many and lords many. Every wind of doctrine will be blowing. With unerring accuracy, the Infinite One keeps an account with all nations. While His mercy is tendered with calls to repentance, this account will remain open; but when a certain limit which God has fixed is reached, the ministry of His wrath commences. The

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### HIS LAMPS

*"Among whom ye shine as lights in the world."*

His lamps are we,  
To shine where He shall say;  
And lamps are not for sunny rooms,  
Nor for the light of day;  
But for dark places of the earth,  
Where shame and wrong and crime have birth,  
Or for the murky twilight gray,  
Where wandering sheep have gone astray,  
Or where the lamp of faith grows dim  
And souls are groping after Him.  
And as sometimes a flame we find,  
Clear shining through the night,  
So dark we cannot see the lamp—  
But only see the light—  
So may we shine, His love the flame,  
That men may glorify His name.

—Annie Johnson Flint.

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account is closed. Divine patience ceases. There is no more pleading for mercy in their behalf.

The prophet, looking down the ages, had this time presented before his vision. The nations of this age have been the recipients of unprecedented mercies. The choicest of Heaven's blessings have been given them; but increased pride, covetousness, idolatry, contempt of God, and base ingratitude are written against them. They are fast closing up their account with God.

But that which causes me to tremble, is the fact that those who have had the greatest light and privileges have become contaminated by the prevailing iniquity. Influenced by the unrighteous around them, many, even of

those who profess the truth, have grown cold, and are borne down by the strong current of evil. The universal scorn thrown upon true piety and holiness, leads those who do not connect closely with God to lose their reverence for His law. If they were following the light, and obeying the truth from the heart, this holy law would seem even more precious to them when despised and set aside. As the disrespect for God's law becomes more manifest, the line of demarcation between its observers and the world becomes more distinct. Love for the divine precepts increases with one class, according as contempt for them increases with the other class.

The crisis is fast approaching. The rapidly swelling figures show that the time for God's visitations has nearly come. Although loath to punish, nevertheless He will punish, and that speedily. Those who walk in the light will see signs of the approaching peril; but they are not to sit in quiet, unconcerned expectancy of the ruin, comforting themselves with the belief that God will shelter His people in the day of visitation. Far from it. They should realize that it is their duty to labor diligently to save others, looking with strong faith to God for help. . . .

John also was a witness of the terrible scenes that will take place as signs of Christ's coming. He saw armies mustering for battle, and men's hearts failing them for fear. He saw the earth moved out of its place, the mountains carried into the midst of the sea, the waves thereof roaring and troubled and the mountains shaking with the swelling thereof. He saw the vials of God's wrath opened, and pestilence, famine, and death come upon the inhabitants of the earth.

Already the restraining Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the earth. Hurricanes, storms, tempests, fire and flood, disasters by sea and land, follow each other in quick succession. Science seeks to explain all these. The signs thickening around us, telling of the near

approach of the Son of God, are attributed to any other than the true cause. Men cannot discern the sentinel angels restraining the four winds that they may not blow until the servants of God are sealed; but when God shall bid His angels loose the winds, there will be such a scene of His avenging wrath as no pen can picture.

We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecy is fast fulfilling. The Lord is at the door. There is soon to open before us a period of overwhelming interest to all living. The controversies of the past are to be revived. New controversies will arise. The scenes to be enacted in our world are not even dreamed of. Satan is at work through human agencies. Those who are making so great efforts to change the Constitution and secure a law enforcing the first day of the week, little realize what will be the result. The crisis is just upon us.

But God's servants are not to trust to themselves in this great emergency. In the visions given to Isaiah, to Ezekiel, and to John, we see how closely heaven is connected with the events transpiring upon the earth. We see the care of God for those who are loyal to Him. The program of coming events is in the hands of the Lord; the world is not without a ruler. The Majesty of heaven has the destiny of nations, as well as the concerns of His church, in His own hands.—*Mrs. E. G. White, in the "Review" of Jan. 11, 1887.*



### A SURE FOUNDATION

"Cast not away therefore your confidence which hath great recompense of reward." Heb. 10: 36. Confidence is a settled belief in the stability or validity of a cause. It is a firm reliance upon the truth and reality of a fact. Confidence casts away all anxiety and brings rest to the hitherto troubled mind. It must, therefore, have for its foundation evidence that is indubitable.

God is the confidence of the righteous; and the evidence of the validity of every cause that has to do with our future life must center in God. It must be drawn alone from the Word of God which is the expression of His will to man. Any religious movement claiming God as its author must find in the Word of God a prophetic description of its beginning and its course so clearly outlined that it can easily be recognized. Where so much is involved the Lord will not leave His people in perilous uncertainty. "The meek will He guide in judgment: and the

meek will He teach His way." Ps. 25: 9. The individual will not be left to follow his own natural inclinations. To every one who sincerely desires to know the right way, through His infallible Word the Lord will make the way so clear that with all confidence he may rest in the perfect knowledge of the Lord's guidance. "If any man willeth to do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it be of God, or whether I speak from Myself." Jno. 7: 17, R. V.

Is the great world-wide movement with which we are connected, and the message that has given birth to it worthy of our confidence? What is the basis of our confidence in the stability, and in the ultimate triumph of the cause for which, like the early disciples, we have "left all" to espouse? Is it sound? Is it rooted and grounded in God, and does it draw its nourishment from that perennial fountain of life—the Word of the ever-living God? If our confidence has not been misplaced we must be able to answer these questions in the affirmative.

It is not because there is the slightest question in my own mind regarding the divine origin of the great Second Advent Movement that is carried forward by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination that these questions are propounded. Long since all such questions were settled forever in my mind, and I would gladly do all in my power to help settle them in other minds. The evidence of God's leadership was so marked, and of His guiding providence so conclusive that to be honest with God and with my own conscience there was left no choice; I must associate myself with the people of whom God had spoken, saying, "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God; and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14: 12.

This people were born of prophecy. They arose at the precise time when the great prophetic clock struck the hour for their appearance. Nearly two thousand years before they arose the prophet of Patmos saw them come upon the stage of action at the end of the 2,300 years of Daniel's prophecy (Dan. 8: 14), gave the very words of the message they would bear to the world (Rev. 14: 6, 7), and wrote of the experience through which they would pass in their disappointment at not seeing the Saviour appear as they expected He would do in October, 1844.

Then the prophet saw them go forth on their mission to every nation, kindred, tongue and people, proclaiming, "*the hour of His judgment is come.*" In proclaiming such a message they must

announce the nature of the judgment work; they must urge upon all the people everywhere obedience to God's unchanging and unchangable standard of the judgment,—His immutable and eternal law. They must, as God's messengers, warn all men of the fearful results of disobedience, and must make ready a people who will stand without fault before the throne of God.

All of this, and much more in detail, is so clearly revealed in the Word of God, describing the remnant church and the work it was to do, that now as we see the Seventh-day Adventist people and the work they are doing under God's leadership, we never can doubt their divine call to this sacred work, nor the fact that God is leading them forward, and upward, and heavenward.

We may see many imperfections in them, they may make many mistakes; but this only proves that they are still in this mortal, imperfect state, subject to all the mistakes and imperfections of humanity. As long as they keep their faces Zionward; as long as they continue to cry to God for forgiveness for all their sins, and healing for all their backslidings; as long as they are unflinchingly obedient to God's holy commandments, refusing all allegiance to the world; as long as they devote their energies to personal labor for the lost, their tithes and liberal offerings to the hastening of the coming of the kingdom, so long we know that God recognizes them and owns them as His people.

They may often grieve Him, and some may grow weary and faint by the way; some may take their eyes off Jesus, and, forgetting the way by which God has led them, may return to the world. But however many may turn away and walk no more with the only people upon earth of whom it may truly be said, "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus," a remnant will be saved and the cause they represent will triumph gloriously.

"Mount up the heights of wisdom  
With torch of truth aglow,  
Keep back no words of knowledge  
That human hearts should know.  
Be faithful to thy mission,  
In service of thy Lord,  
And soon a golden chaplet  
Will be thy rich reward."

E. E. ANDROSS.



During the commemoration of the denominational golden jubilee of our foreign mission work, let us make a strong effort to place the *Review* in the home of every English-speaking believer.

## OUR MISSION FUNDS

"To those who love God sincerely and have means, I am bidden to say, Now is the time for you to invest your means in sustaining the work of the Lord. Now is the time to uphold the hands of the ministers in their self-denying efforts to save perishing souls. When you meet in the heavenly courts the souls you have helped to save, will you not have a glorious reward?"—*Volume IX, p. 131.*

The statistical report published and sent out with this issue reveals a total sum of \$13,003.79 gathered for missions in our division during the first quarter of 1924. The total reported for the full year 1923 was \$49,926.33, so it is evident that our faithful members are not unmindful of the Macedonian call from the many millions who know not of God and of His redeeming love.

It is interesting to note that of the total reported for the period covered by the report, \$6,922.76, or over 53% was gathered in our Sabbath Schools. This splendid result is due, without a doubt, to the habit of giving at a regular time, which is a part of our worship rendered to God in our Sabbath School sessions.

The division committee in its mid-summer session gave earnest study to the question of fulfilling our responsibility in the matter of our Mission funds, and recommended by formal action that our foreign laborers adopt as their personal goal the sum of 60 cents weekly for missions; while our native laborers and believers generally set as their standard 15 cents per week for missions. Figuring this for the reported membership of the division, this goal if fully attained would bring into the General Conference treasury for missions nearly \$70,000.00, or an increase of about \$20,000.00 over the sum reported for 1923.

This is a goal worthy of attainment and is profitable for us to keep in mind. Each church elder, pastor, mission treasurer and superintendent, should work constantly to help the local churches and local missions to reach the standard under the blessing of God. Fresh and up-to-date information should be furnished each church and company at the beginning of each month. The year is swiftly drawing to a close. We are grateful to God for the successes reported from different sections where the Harvest In-gathering campaign has been conducted. This helps very materially on our goals, but while we must faithfully gather from every source all we possibly can, we appeal to our readers not to neglect the blessing that comes from personal giving.

The quotation at the head of this article from the Spirit of Prophecy tells us

that the time for a personal consecration in giving for the work is "now." The Message is rapidly drawing to a close. The promise is implied that souls are won to God as a result of our gifts. Those who contribute of their means in bringing salvation to the lost will surely enjoy a glorious reward when they meet the redeemed ones in the new earth. Let us, as workers and believers in this closing Message, pledge renewed faithfulness in increasing our gifts to Missions.

S. E. KELLMAN.

## THE CALL OF THE SOUTH CARIBBEAN

The South Caribbean Conference, with about 2,500 members, is one of the strongest in the entire division. Its territory comprises Trinidad, Tobago, Barbados, the Windward and the Leeward Islands, British, Dutch, and French Guianas. We understand that there are six or seven hundred Seventh-day Adventist young people in this conference, many of whom are calling for an education.

It seems that an educational center of some kind should have been established in this field years ago. The writer well remembers so far back as 1907, while he was serving as a teacher in the Huntsville School in Alabama, how two young men came to that school from the island of Trinidad and another from British Guiana. All three were exceptional young men and came with a determination to prepare for the work. Two of them are today classed among our most active and successful colored ministers in the United States. The third, Brother Charles Griffith, after remaining at school about two years contracted a severe case of pneumonia which resulted in his death. He was laid to rest by the students of the school; and his earnestness and consecration are still remembered.

At the recent meeting of the Division Conference committee held at Balboa, Canal Zone, the call for an industrial training school for the South Caribbean Conference, one of the imperative needs of the hour, received due consideration. A request was made in our general conference budget for means for this purpose; and we pray that as our general brethren gather in the Autumn Council, they may find a way to grant this appeal. Brother Baxter, the president of our Caribbean Union, earnestly laid this need before our brethren at the Fall Council last year; but they felt that, because of the financial strain of the time, an undertaking of this nature would be unthinkable, and so it has been

allowed to rest. We now hope, with the improved financial prospect of the present time, that our brethren will feel justified in complying with our urgent request at the coming Council.

Pastor H. J. Edmed, president of the South Caribbean Conference, is deeply interested in his young people. He is intimately acquainted with them and their desires for an education; and he feels that the time is ripe to enter upon this undertaking.

Sometime ago Miss M. E. Robertson, Sabbath School Secretary of that conference, wrote us a long letter, giving detailed information about conditions in the field. She spoke of the necessity of operating a line of trades along with the school in order to assist worthy young men and women who have but little money with which to defray their expenses in school. She tells us that the young people have mechanical ability; she also mentions the fact that it is exceptionally easy for most of them to memorize portions of the Bible or other choice matter laid before them; and she speaks of the exceptional young people that would likely be gathered into an industrial school from their constituency.

The Testimonies have spoken very clearly in regard to our duty toward our young people. Shall we not rejoice that the South Caribbean is preparing to respond to this call of duty for its youth?

C. J. BOYD.

## CALLING US TO BETTER SERVICE

To our Sabbath schools belong much of the credit for the better knowledge of the Scriptures, and the deeper consecration that has stirred believers in many places to do diligent home missionary work in the surrounding communities. And our earnest young people have also found in the Missionary Volunteer organization a way to deeper consecration and to better and stronger service. So our hearts greatly rejoice over every evidence of progress of these two important departments of our church. Some of these evidences of growth you will find in the reports appearing in the statistical report that goes with this paper; and surely the story of progress told by these statistics call for gratitude from every loyal believer.

It is with hearts full of courage that we face the future. However, as the year is melting away before us, and we find ourselves already on the threshold of the last quarter, we very naturally ask ourselves whether we are doing our best. Someone has said that one reward of work well done is ability to

do better work; and as this is true without question, the reports of the first quarter whisper to us: "You have done well; and now because of that you will have strength and wisdom to do better still."

So our best for today must be better than our best for yesterday. And yet did you ever wake up to the fact that after all you were not doing your best,—not progressing? I suppose so. Most of us have had that experience repeatedly. Often it has been a glimpse into the well regulated life of a busy, successful friend that has awakened me out of stupor and I have been shocked to find myself sauntering along in a monotonous, narrowing rut. A rut is a'1 right if it is built along progressive lines and is adaptable to good wholesome growth. That is the kind of rut in which efficiency moves. But there is no sauntering in that channel. It is ever onward and upward to more and better service.

And after all it is what *we* do as members of the Sabbath school and Missionary Volunteer departments that determines their success and their value in God's remnant church as agencies for helping to finish His work on earth. What are you and I doing to make them fulfil their divine mission? This question came to me with special emphasis the other day while studying the records of our own Sabbath schools and also those of the same line of work in Chosen (Korea). Last year the Sabbath schools there gained about 500 new members, or an average of 10 every Sabbath. The total membership by the close of the year reached 3,540. This growth doubtless finds its chief secret in the faithfulness of its members who during the year drew 4,570 Blue Seals, and 2,065 Red Seals, while 1,892 persons received perfect honor cards for a quarter, and 141 for an entire year. Our Korean Sabbath schools truly have followed the advice of Paul to Timothy to be "an example of the believers." And quietly across the deep their good record joins with our own record of the past in calling us to still better service in behalf of our Sabbath school.

"Let every true worker be grateful to God that he is honored in having an opportunity of working for the Master," says an inspired message. And again from the same pen: "Young men and women should be educated to become workers in their own neighborhoods and in other places." This is exactly what a well-organized society does. Still another message says: "The Sabbath school, if rightly conducted, is one of God's great instrumentalities to bring

souls to a knowledge of the truth."

So while we thank God for the blessings of the Sabbath school and of the Missionary Volunteer organization, in the past, and also for a place of service in them, shall we not renew our consecration to *give the Master*, not our bit, but *our best* in their behalf?

As you see from the report, we have many Sabbath Schools; but may their number increase; and may everyone grow stronger from month to month to fulfil its divine mission! We rejoice also over the new recruits on the honor roll in our Missionary Volunteer work. The Bahamas was our first recruit. Others will appear in the second quarter; and we pray that this work may continue to grow until all our young people in the Inter-American Division shall be surrounded with every blessing this world-wide organization for our youth can bring to them! You and I may help hasten that day by doing our best faithfully wherever God has honored us with a place to serve; and by praying earnestly for the work everywhere.

*We can give for the work in all regions,  
We can pray for our workers afar;  
But our service in this great conflict  
Must be given just where we are.*



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#### VISITING THE FIELD

On July 26, I arrived in Habana, after an absence of nearly three months in different fields of the Antillian Union; and it certainly seemed good to sit at our own table once again. In a former issue of this paper I gave a partial report of this itinerary. The first mission visited on this trip outside of Cuba was Santo Domingo. This is the youngest mission in the Union, dating its official existence from the first of the year. It has two organized churches and several companies. The work is making good progress here under the leadership of Pastor William Steele. At the capital of the republic we have a good substantial church and mission home. A church school is also being conducted at that place. In another part of the field a company has been raised up, a mission school is being conducted, and a church building is under construction.

While at Haiti, which visit was briefly reported in a previous article, I had the privilege of visiting our training school

there, the "Seminaire Adventiste." It is located about five miles out from the city of Cape Haitien, at the foot of a range of low mountains. A large spring up on the hillside affords an abundance of clear soft water at all times for the use of the school. A new dormitory, also a dining hall, recently erected, gave the place an appearance of prosperity. The school has a small farm that, with care, can be made to produce a good part of the vegetables that are needed on the school tables. In the carpenter shop some very fine work was being done by the students. We believe that this school has a bright future before it.

Leaving Haiti, some of the other workers and I sailed for Jamaica to attend the local and union meetings there. We had a very pleasant voyage so far as the sea was concerned; but our room was located so that the heat and smell from the cook's galley came into it; and it was so hot at night that it was almost impossible to sleep. Our pleasant experiences in Jamaica and the good meetings enjoyed there were mentioned in a former report.

From Kingston we sailed to Cristobal, Canal Zone, to attend the meeting of the Division Committee. Here we had the privilege of visiting some of the points of interest while waiting for the date of the meeting. We saw the Panama Canal, and watched several ships pass through the Pedro Miguel locks. We went up to the switch board where the entire operation is controlled and saw how by a simple turn of the wrist those mighty gates, each weighing more than eighty-five tons, were opened. Then we went down into the subterranean passage and saw the ponderous engines in operation. We saw the flood gates open, allowing water to flow into the locks from one hundred ten valves, or openings, each five feet in diameter. These let the water in so rapidly that a chamber one thousand feet long by one hundred ten feet wide by about eighty-five feet deep is filled in eleven minutes. We saw the *H. M. S. Hood*, the largest battleship in the world, on the bosom of the water rise thirty feet in eleven minutes. When the valves are open again the water flows out in eight minutes, dropping a ship a distance of thirty feet in that time. It is truly inspiring to see those mighty ships, each weighing thousands of tons, lifted or lowered with no apparent effort.

At the meeting of the Division Committee many very perplexing problems were considered. Plans were laid which will, we trust, result in greatly advancing the Cause during the next year. A spirit

of confidence and unity prevailed through all the meetings. This is one of the best omens of success and prosperity for the work. We turned to our several fields with the confidence that "We are not divided, all one body we, one in hope and doctrine, one in charity."

Upon my arrival in Habana, I found the church, under the direction of Brother Raff and others, working vigorously for the advancement of the Cause in this great city. Plans were in operation for the disposal of several thousand copies of our Spanish paper here in Habana during the month of August. We trust the time will soon come when all our churches will take hold of the work earnestly and intelligently and carry it on to a glorious triumph.

J. A. LELAND.

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Sister D. A. Parsons, writing July 29, said: "I feel somewhat encouraged with the outlook for the Missionary Volunteer work in Mexico. If the young people keep their promises we can look for 10% of each company where we have societies to take the Standard of Attainment test a little later in the year. Last Sabbath I talked for a few minutes to the young people in the school, and they were very willing and ready to study hard and finish their course before the end of the year."

Writing from Honduras August 18, Sister C. V. Williams said: "Sister Beddoe has taken over the Young People's work, and I am sure that you will have a report from her soon. We have a class here at present taking the Standard of Attainment."

In the same letter she tells of one of our cheerful givers over there: "In our Sabbath school in Puerto Cortez we have a lad of about fourteen who has been acting as secretary for some time. His people are poor and so he sells *El Centinela* to earn his Sabbath school offerings. A few weeks ago Mr. Williams visited this company and this little boy turned over to him the price of the *Centinelas* and the Sabbath school donations, at the same time explaining that he did not send the money by mail because he would have to pay three cents postage and that would have made his donation three cents short. His smiling face also showed that he was a cheerful giver."

Last month's issue spoke of another revolution breaking out in Honduras. What such uprisings often mean to our workers may be seen from a paragraph from a letter written by Sister Snow. She says: "Because of another revolution I have had to leave Tegucigalpa. The day our little girl and I left, all communication of private persons was cut off; and it was by God's help that Virginia and I were able to get away. It made my heart ache to leave Mr. Snow, but after going through that long, dreadful siege, the worst revolution ever seen in Tegucigalpa, I felt I could stand no more so soon. Mr Snow could not leave, as one can sell nothing nor leave anything in the present conditions. I had to leave short of funds but am glad to get out alive." Surely we need to pray for our workers that God will protect them.

A living church is a working church. A working church will have many interesting experiences and reports; and a wise leader will lay plans so that the church will have frequent opportunities for missionary meetings. There is nothing so upbuilding to church life as good experience meetings. S. E. KELLMAN.

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**HOW GOD LED TO SUCCESS**

Early in July, Brother Sanoja and I left La Guaira for Curacao, an island off the coast of Venezuela, to work with *Heralds of the Morning*. This book had been sold there before, so we were not altogether optimistic over our prospects. However, we felt impressed that God would have us go there; so stepping out on faith, we took one case of *Heralds* with us and another case three-fourths full of *Heralds* and small books.

The Lord blessed us from the very start. The leading merchants and men of the government bought from us at once. In two weeks we took about one hundred orders for *Heralds*, and the same number for small books of the World's Crisis series; and before I came away we delivered nearly one hundred percent of our orders. I have made up my mind that my faith is altogether too weak and that we need to launch out and take the Lord at His word.

Really, there is no such thing as failure if we cling to the arm of the Lord. "The Lord desires that in these times His children believe He is able to do for them as great things as He did for the children of Israel when He brought them out of Egypt. We are to have a faith so educated that it will follow His instructions in the most difficult experiences." — *Testimonios Selectos, p. 104.*

One day we walked out into the country, and were successful in getting six orders from the country people. The day that Brother Sanoja left for the island of Aruba, he delivered all of these save one, where the lady was away from home. While I was waiting for the boat to sail back to Venezuela a few days later, I was impressed that I should try to deliver that book about four miles out in the country. I did not have the name of the person but I thought I could find the house. When I got to where I thought the house should be, I was lost in my directions and I could not find it. I walked up and down the many different roads for two hours until I was about played out, but could not locate the house.

I knelt down and told the Lord that if He wanted me to deliver the book, He would have to help me to find the house. Then I turned around and started toward town; but I had only walked a short distance when the lady I was looking for called to me from over the fence. She said, "Have you come with my book? and did you forget my house?" She was very kind to me and paid me for the book at once. I took the experience as a reminder from God that He is continually with us in all the details of the work. FRED STEEVES.

J. D. Wood, Missionary Volunteer Secretary in the South Caribbean, when speaking of a visiting tour through that conference, said: "On this trip I realized that the work for the youth in which I am engaged is a work that really pays. . . . The young people were moved to dedicate their lives to God for the finishing of the work. . . . My own heart was melted and I have dedicated my life as never before to the work of saving the youth, God being my Helper." In a still more recent letter Brother Wood says: "At present we have 120 studying for Standard of Attainment membership, and I am very anxious to increase this number to 200 before the year is out."

"He who lives the principles of Bible religion, will not be weak in moral power."

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### WHEN SHALL IT BE DONE?

The Union superintendents, while at the Division Council (held at Balboa in July) helped to establish more firmly our 20,000 monthly circulation goal for the Spanish magazine, *El Centinela*. The men who ordinarily set literature goals, the colporteurs and colporteur leaders, were not present, and consequently the superintendents were inclined to act in a conservative fashion; but each man is hoping his Union will do far more than reach the Union goals, which were set as follows:

Antillian Union 8,000  
Aztec Union 7,000  
Caribbean Union 5,000

To this might be added the goal for

the States territory. Pastor H. D. Casebeer, superintendent of the Spanish division of the Bureau of Home Missions in the States, writes: "We ought to double our present circulation of *El Centinela* in the United States. I am glad to see that it has passed the thousand mark." This is equivalent to saying that the goal for the States should be not less than 2,000 copies monthly. And we agree quite heartily.

Toward such a monthly circulation we hope to climb steadily. We are just about half way at present, for there has been some decline in the circulation during the past few months. The list now is just about the same as it was one year ago. How long, think you, should it be

before we all set ourselves definitely to the task of striving toward the goal that has been set? Is not the present season a very suitable time to advance? Let us not forget the goals that have been set.

Announcement is being made in the October issue of the magazine of a special 14-months' subscription offer on all yearly subscriptions taken or renewed during the months of November and December. We are trying to give every possible facility to the agents as they enter the field during the closing months of this year in the general campaign for increasing the circulation of *El Centinela*. A strong, spirited effort throughout Inter-America will bring desired results in a remarkably brief time.

As an effective means of winning the friendship of the Spanish people in your field, and at the same time present the truth to them in a clear, distinct form, circulate *El Centinela*. It is worthy of a prominent place in your plans for advance work.

### THE OCTOBER "EL CENTINELA"

A Japanese poster scene, in colors, adorns the cover page of the October Spanish magazine. With it go three very good articles, "The Unchanging East Is Changing," by W. A. Spicer; "Will East Meet West?" by H. G. Franks; and "The Eye of Asia," by A. N. Anderson. These subjects not only give interesting word pictures of conditions in the Orient, but add weight to the convincing proof furnished in *El Centinela* that Bible prophecy is sure and dependable.

The fifth and last of a series of Industrial Revolution articles by W. G. Wirth is in the list of leading subjects. It is entitled, "Debility and Materialism as Products of Industrialism." Many readers have been following this series of articles with interest, and will read this concluding discussion with benefit.

"Fakes, Fads, Follies, and Medicine" is a highly appropriate health article for the readers of *El Centinela*. If the counsel given in this article were to be followed, there would be fewer cases of sickness and disease.

Several other valuable articles, together with the regular departments, complete the issue for October, one that can be freely recommended to

#### SALES REPORT, BY UNIONS, AUGUST, 1924

##### CENTRAL AMERICAN BRANCH, PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSN.

	Subscription	Trade	Educa.	Tracts	Total
Antillian Union	4,671.10	191.20	58.75	126.25	5,047.30
Aztec Union	3,092.75	101.20	9.00	3.50	3,206.45
Caribbean Union	1,033.95	63.80	8.45	15.20	1,121.40
<b>Total for July, 1924</b>	<b>8,797.80</b>	<b>356.20</b>	<b>76.20</b>	<b>144.95</b>	<b>9,375.15</b>
<b>Total for July, 1923</b>	<b>3,610.70</b>	<b>543.55</b>	<b>39.00</b>	<b>115.30</b>	<b>4,308.55</b>
Decreases		187.35			
Increases	5,187.10		37.20	29.65	5,066.60

#### SALES REPORT, JANUARY TO AUGUST, 1924

Bahamas	297.50	80.25	143.50	6.00	527.25
Cuba	13,466.65	830.80	15.00	27.15	14,339.60
Dominicana	1,603.75	31.55			1,635.30
Haiti	61.60	192.55	5.50	17.50	277.15
Jamaica	4,523.35	503.50	128.20	93.50	5,248.55
Porto Rico	2,946.00	186.10		22.00	3,154.10
<b>Antillian Union</b>	<b>22,898.95</b>	<b>1,824.75</b>	<b>292.20</b>	<b>166.15</b>	<b>25,181.95</b>
Guatemala	1,135.55	55.70		64.90	1,256.15
Honduras	1,804.20	565.60	95.70	58.25	2,523.75
Mexico	6,509.00	412.85	37.20	43.45	7,002.50
Salvador	3,021.00	149.70	47.40	25.50	3,243.60
<b>Aztec Union</b>	<b>12,469.75</b>	<b>1,183.85</b>	<b>180.30</b>	<b>192.10</b>	<b>14,026.00</b>
Colombia	7,358.85	106.70		5.45	7,471.00
South Caribbean	3,313.70	477.90	8.10	13.50	3,813.20
Venezuela	850.70	192.05	5.20	11.25	1,059.20
West Caribbean	3,449.20	393.50	144.35	45.50	4,032.55
<b>Caribbean Union</b>	<b>14,972.45</b>	<b>1,170.15</b>	<b>157.65</b>	<b>75.70</b>	<b>16,375.95</b>
<b>Total Sales, 1924</b>	<b>50,341.05</b>	<b>4,178.75</b>	<b>630.15</b>	<b>433.95</b>	<b>55,583.90</b>
<b>Total Sales, 1923</b>	<b>85,929.90</b>	<b>5,730.20</b>	<b>827.45</b>	<b>1,057.70</b>	<b>93,545.25</b>
Decreases	35,588.85	1,551.45	197.30	623.75	37,961.35

the Spanish American. Take note of the special 14-months'-for-the-price-of-12 subscription offer appearing in the October issue. Encourage a large number of people to take advantage of this special opportunity to secure and read the "Good News" magazine.



Our report of book sales for the month of August shows a total of \$9,375, or more than double the total for August, 1923. It is one of the few reports we have had this year that compares so favorably with last year's sales.

Just after the billing for the month of August was completed a shipment of books was sent out to the South Caribbean, the largest shipment to go in that direction for a long time. The South Caribbean field is using a great quantity of literature. As much of it is necessarily in the form of small books and pamphlets, the value in dollars and cents does not mount up quite so rapidly as in fields where chiefly large subscription books are handled, yet an extensive work is being conducted. The literature is accomplishing its purpose, too.

Brother Lovel Crawford and wife made a short stop at the Press recently, while on their way from California to Jamaica, where they join the faculty at the training school.

A letter from Brother H. H. Hall, written just before he returned to the States from Europe, where he has been laboring for nearly two years with the several mission presses and larger publishing houses, makes mention of the success attending the publishing work in Europe. In spite of many unfavorable conditions there is a uniform degree of prosperity, financially, attending almost all the institutions, including the large houses in Germany, Sweden, and England, and the small plants in Jugoslavia, Bulgaria and in the Levant. Europe expects to "round out the extension work over here so that our 1925 budget should give depository or publishing facilities to practically every field" in the division. Isn't it cheering to know that such a field as Europe has been so greatly benefited by the Missions Press Fund which the Big Week Campaign has developed?

**CIRCULATION REPORT OF THE  
INGATHERING NUMBER OF  
"EL CENTINELA"**

<i>Deliveries for Ingathering Work</i>	
Guatemala	300
Honduras	575
Mexico	8,000
Salvador	500
<i>Aztec Union</i>	9,375
West Caribbean	2,225
<i>Caribbean Union</i>	2,225
<b>INTER-AMERICA</b>	11,600
Atlantic Union	820
Central Union	300
Columbia Union	415
Lake Union	771
Northern Union	305
North Pacific Union	129
Pacific Union	12,045
Southeastern Union	400
Southern Union	110
Southwestern Union	4,575
<i>United States</i>	19,870
<i>Philippine Islands</i>	1,000
<i>Spain</i>	2,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	34,470

*Circulation Among Subscribers*

Cuba	2,171
Porto Rico	182
<i>Antillian Union</i>	2,353
Guatemala	3
Honduras	15
Mexico	763
Salvador	369
<i>Aztec Union</i>	1,150
Colombia	7
Venezuela	65
West Caribbean	295
<i>Caribbean Union</i>	367
<b>INTER-AMERICA</b>	3,870
Arizona	37
California	6
Central California	5
Colorado	7
Northern California	5
North Texas	4
Southern California	16
Southeastern Calif.	9
South Texas	87
Misc. States	23
<i>United States</i>	199
<i>Philippine Islands</i>	8
<i>Misc. Foreign</i>	25
<b>TOTAL</b>	4,102

To give some idea of the circulation of the Ingathering issue of *El Centinela* the foregoing report appears. It is remembered that the Ingathering paper has not been considered as an extra number of the magazine this year, but was counted as the regular issue for August, so far as the list was concerned. The list totaled 4,102 copies, and all the balance of the edition was held for Ingathering work. None of the regular bulk orders for single copy sale were filled, and for that reason the regular circulation report appears a little small.

Nearly 35,000 copies of the August magazine have been sent out for use in connection with the Ingathering campaign. Some of the fields in Inter-America conduct their Ingathering campaign in the early part of the year, and so have not yet had Ingathering magazines sent to them for their 1925 campaign. In all we shall doubtless need to prepare about 50,000 copies for Ingathering work, which with the papers to subscribers will make a total output of practically 55,000 copies.

If all these thousands of papers are faithfully distributed among the Spanish people for whom they were printed, great good will surely result. We know there is room for still larger quantities of papers for the Spanish people in the territories supplied, and it makes us stop and wonder if we are doing our best when we permit the regular monthly circulation to hover around the 10,000 or 12,000 mark. We surely ought to bridge some of the gap between the average monthly circulation and that of the Ingathering Special. Don't you think so, too?

What a vast amount of good would result from frequent visits of this messenger of truth to all these people who will receive the Ingathering issue. The influence of the "monthly application" of truth as contained in the "Good News" magazine is as widespread as the circulation of the paper. It is evident that the 20,000 circulation goal should be considered the minimum number that we should attempt to circulate, and that we should strive to reach that goal very quickly.



## AROUND THE WORLD

For a time it seemed that the man with the book would be the only one who could work in the Ruhr during the French occupation. The governor, however, greatly appreciated the good literature our colporteur was selling; and one day he said to the young man: "Why don't you hold public meetings?" Upon learning that the police had forbidden such services, the governor announced his intention to investigate the matter. Soon the largest hall in the city was secured and even that could not accommodate the people who wished to hear the Third Angel's Message. Before long a church with more than one hundred members was organized in that district.

The Far Eastern Division has almost, if not quite, one fourth of the entire Moslem world. Speaking of the Moslem religion in Malaysia one writer says: "Islam is largely a veneer covering a great deal of heathen superstition and animistic belief, and even of later Hinduism; but Mohammedanism gains ground more and more, and penetrates as well as spreads. . . . In the Celebes, New Guinea, and other islands which are still heathen, the struggle between Islam and Christianity is intense. Animism is breaking up; it gives no satisfaction. The natives are awake and ask for instruction. If Christian missions do not give it to them, they will fall victims to Islam. This is the serious character of the problem, and the situation calls for urgency."

Our workers, we are thankful to say, are pushing into these islands; and God is blessing their efforts. From the Celebes, Brother Munson wrote to the Shanghai office sometime ago as follows: "When I wrote you last, I reported forty Sabbath keepers; but now we have eighty keeping the Sabbath at Menado. The believers at Ratahan are being fired with the same zeal, and they are pushing out and doing a large work up there. By the Lord's help I hope we shall be able to baptize 150 this year."

The West Java Mission for the first quarter of 1924 reported \$2,400 worth of literature sold, and \$956.25 received in tithes. During March, twenty-two persons were baptized in Batavia, one of its principal cities.

Perhaps the largest gathering of Seventh-day Adventists in the Far Eastern Division was assembled in the Philippines sometime ago when 1,184 believers attended a general meeting. Many others came to the evening services. In fact, our missionary writes: "We were compelled to keep the people away, because the building could not accommodate the crowd." Another marked evidence of the rapid growth of the work in the Philippines is seen in the fact that the literature sales there during the first four months of this year reached \$30,246.36.

In the 27 outschools of the Solusi Mission, Brother H. M. Sparrows reports over 500 persons in baptismal classes. We rejoice over this bit of good news from our oldest mission among the heathen. It was in the early days of this mission, about thirty years ago, that Dr. Carmichael, Sister Armitage, Elder Tripp and his son fell at their posts. A few years later Elder F. L. Mead was also laid to rest. And years of struggle have dug still other missionary graves. All these resting places of the heroes of the Cross join in telling the story of the price of saving the lost. But with what joy will the sleeping warriors behold the trophies of their service on the glad home-going day. They gave their all for Africa; and truly God has blessed the seed sown by these and other faithful workers in giving an abundant harvest.

In recent years many Russians have moved to Shanghai, China, and since 1921 our missionaries there have been working for them. We rejoice that a number have accepted the truth, and that our literature is drawing upon other hearts. Many Bibles and several hundred of our denominational books have been sold to the Russians sojourning in that great city.

Like many other institutions, the White Memorial Hospital Dispensary, located in Los Angeles, California, is a foreign missionary in the homeland. The 74,268 patients to whom this dispensary ministered in one year represented 47 nationalities.

Over in the Far Eastern Division, at one of their meetings the workers in the Cantonese Mission set before themselves a goal in personal evangelism. It was suggested that each worker, in addition to his duties, find places for giving at least six Bible studies. The workers there know that the King's business demands haste, and realize that the personal touch brings the best and greatest results.

## INTER-AMERICAN BELLS

Ring out, ye bells! Proclaim to all the earth  
That Christ returns again! Declare with mirth  
The joyous sound! He comes His own to save!  
Awaken all His church, for whom He gave  
His life divine on Calv'ry's hill!  
Ring out, sweet bells, the solemn thrill!

Ring out the news! His word and signs foretell  
By stars, and sun, and moon, that now the knell  
Of Satan's doom, the end of sin, is near!  
Send out the word that all the world may hear  
The call divine, and gather souls  
From every tribe between the poles.

Ring out His word! By pen and voice most clear  
In city hall and town, afar and near—  
O'er Aztec lands, where sons of Spain hold sway,  
And where Antillian isles small and great do lay;—  
The Present Truth with pow'r proclaim,  
And honor give to Jesus' name.

Awaken saints! The hour has come when all  
Must don the garments white of Him whose call  
Is sounding now in every clime and place—  
In every tongue! Clear call to every race!  
The wedding of the Lamb! Prepare  
To meet thy God!—the sounds declare.

Louder, clear bells! We have no time to lose!  
The hour has come when all *must* hear and choose!  
Earth's strife declares—the great peace move-  
ments say

That Time his course has run. Eternal day  
Is at the door! O church, awake!  
Thy Master, Lord, do not forsake!

S. E. KELLMAN.

At the campmeetings held recently in Nyasaland, Africa, over 3,000 believers were in attendance and hundreds of heathens came also to hear the glad news of salvation. Two hundred ninety-five were baptized. So in Africa as in other places, the lost are coming to the Cross by hundreds. A few years ago these people were heathen, steeped in hopeless paganism, and their children growing up without a training. But God, through our consecrated missionaries, has wrought great miracles in many places of the dark continent. "Today," writes Pastor W. H. Branson, "the Sabbath church bells ring out from a hundred hills where our outschools are located, and each week three or four thousand gather in companies, ranging from twenty to three hundred to hear the gospel preached by our teacher evangelists."

According to a recent report, North Dakota has about five hundred studying for attainment membership. How many in your field are planning to reach that goal before the jubilee year closes? There should be a Standard of Attainment class in every church. Every one is invited to become a member of attainment. There is room on the Standard of Attainment Honor Roll for every union and conference president, for every mission superintendent, for every colporteur, for every secretary-treasurer, for every departmental secretary, for every office worker, for every Sabbath school worker in the church and for everybody else who loves the third angel's message.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Monday, September 1, our division office enjoyed a brief visit from Pastors H. U. Stevens, superintendent of the Inca Union Mission, and W. H. Williams, secretary-treasurer for the South American Division. They were on their way to the Autumn Council.

On September 8, Cyril H. Kellman, son of Pastor S. E. Kellman, sailed for the States to attend one of our colleges. We shall miss him in the division office, where he has been working in the treasury department; but we are glad that he desires to receive further training for service.

Pastor E. E. Andross sailed September 19 for New York, enroute to the Fall Council to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, in October. Let us unite in prayer for this important gathering that the leaders who meet there may be guided in laying wise plans for the speedy finishing of the work.

The first days of this month brought us a cable saying: "Hurricane destroyed Virgin Islands. Building losses \$3,500.00. Members lost \$1,500. Petition relief Autumn Council." We have about 75 believers in these islands, and surely this cable is a call for all to pray earnestly in their behalf. Nor should we forget that many other of our hundreds of believers over in that vicinity may be suffering; for the hurricane, we understand, was severe in many of the Leeward Islands.

Not long ago we were reminded of the phrase: "Ships that pass in the night." A Seventh-day Adventist family was aboard a ship that spent the night at Balboa before sailing through the canal. The next day we received a note from these unknown friends, saying that they did not succeed in finding our home till too late to call. They had stopped on Pitcairn Island and found all its people happy in the Blessed Hope. This family, from far away New Zealand, was sailing for Scotland; but as we read the closing message: "Hold fast therefore your confidence, for your redemption draweth nigh," we thanked God for the tie that binds believers around the world into one great family whose eyes are all fixed on the Blessed Hope.

In his letter of August 17, Brother Parsons writes: "We are taking over the Caviness property." So the light of Present Truth is to continue to shine forth from the buildings where our pioneers, Pastor G. W. Caviness and wife, with unflinching hands, in times of peace and war, amid danger and opposition, for years held high the torch of truth.

September 1 to October 15 is the time set aside in the Aztec Union for their Harvest Ingathering Campaign. The union goal is \$7,000. We are praying for the leaders and church members in this large union as they undertake this earnest campaign. Like one large family we are deeply interested in each other's success, and will watch for the reports from each field.

Pastor Leland writes that the Laymen's Movement is taking form in Porto Rico. Several of the churches are doing strong, active work. In one place the members of the Sabbath School have gone out and organized a number of branch Sabbath Schools which have an aggregate attendance of about 200 children.

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