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Satisfied With Jesus

I'm so satisfied with Jesus,
Every day and every hour;
He's the source of all my comfort,
When the clouds of sorrow lower.
In the midst of my affliction,
When the waves of trouble roll,
Jesus comes in sweet compassion
And brings peace within my soul.

I'm so satisfied with Jesus,
When the skies are bright and clear
And the sun shines bright around me,
Then I love to feel Him near.
For 'tis He that sends me pleasure,
And I trust His hand to guide,
And I sing as on I journey,
He is more than all beside.

I'm so satisfied with Jesus;
For when those who once were true
Prove to be untrue and faithless,
Leaving old friends for the new,
Then I turn to Him whose friendship
Never changes, never ends;
For I always find in Jesus
An unfailing, faithful friend.

I'm so satisfied with Jesus,
He is all in all to me,
And I could not do without Him,—
He my constant stay will be.
At all times in joy or sorrow,
Sunshine clear or shadow dim,
Jesus helps me, Jesus holds me;
I'm so satisfied with Him.

—Alice Abbott Tiney,
in 1925 M. W. Calendar.

THE AUTUMN COUNCIL

The Autumn Council of the general conference committee for 1924 will long be remembered by those who were permitted to attend. Midway between the quadrennial sessions of the general conference a representative council is held for the purpose of giving special study to the world-wide interests of this ever-increasing work. Such was the council recently held at Des Moines, Iowa.

One or more representatives from each of the great divisions of the general conference, excepting the Australasian Division, were in attendance. Fifty years had passed since our first missionary crossed the sea to a foreign land, to bear the last message of mercy to fallen men. Before the council closed, we passed the eightieth anniversary of the beginning of our great High Priest's work in the heavenly temple. Each

of these events helped us to realize more deeply the awful solemnity of this hour, and the tremendous responsibility resting upon us, as messengers of God, to speed on with the message of invitation and of warning to earth's remotest bounds.

From the opening meeting to its close, a solemn sense of the presence of the One who said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," pervaded the assembly, and solemnized each heart. More deeply than ever before we felt that the work we were doing was not ours but God's. This consciousness impelled us to seek help from God, and we were not disappointed.

The providences of God so wonderfully guiding our missionaries in every land, the breaking down of barriers previously obstructing the way, the preparation of thousands of hearts for the truths of the message, the urgent appeals for help coming from every quarter, all spoke eloquently of the approaching end; and our hearts rejoiced anew in this blessed assurance. But soon we were made painfully conscious of our limitations. As the treasurer read the financial report, and we were forced to face the necessity of tremendous reductions of our budgets in every field, the burden grew heavier.

We are truly thankful to God, and to our own people, for the liberality that has made possible the continuance of the work now in hand. We know that this will mean real sacrifice on the part of many. We know that where you place your treasure your hearts will be, and that you will follow the missionaries with your earnest prayers.

But as we think of the mighty forward movement into unoccupied fields that are already ripe for the reapers, and that must be occupied soon or much precious grain must perish, our hearts are made sad; for we know that unless the mission treasury is filled quickly, such a movement is impossible in the near future. The brethren from

the mission fields joined with the brethren in the home land in earnest study of these questions; and, at least a measure of light broke in upon us. Our hearts were encouraged to believe that He who has ordered an advance on every front will not fail to provide through His faithful children all that is necessary to complete the work so well begun.

Quite a large list of workers were placed under appointment for the mission fields of the world, every field, including the Inter-American Division, sharing in these recruits. As these new workers press on to the front, they will bring new hope and courage to the hearts of the weary toilers there. God is truly leading a united people forward to victory and soon the palmbranch will be placed in the hands of the loyal, true hearted soldiers of the cross, a crown of glory upon their brow, and a royal welcome will be extended to them into the everlasting kingdom of our blessed Redeemer and glorious King.

E. E. ANDROSS.

RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT

There are great areas of unworked territory in the mission fields. Much is occupied only in the sense that we have a representative or two to serve a large and thickly populated section. Africa, Asia, South and Central America—these present to us much territory that is not fully occupied by any means. The missionary task facing us, as a people, is a tremendous one. Here in our own Inter-American division, while it is true that for many years we have made splendid progress in evangelizing, with the third angel's message, the English-speaking portions of our field, it is only too true that we have a much larger area of unoccupied Spanish and Indian territory at our doors.

In our Aztec union there are the great republics of Mexico and Central America in which we have only begun to plant the standard of the threefold message. Here live many distinct tribes of Indians, with various dialects,—millions of

peoples, to whom we must carry the light of truth. Simple mission schools, dispensaries, mission stations, and outposts are needed to minister to the needs of this section.

In the Caribbean union the great Catholic strongholds of Colombia and Venezuela, and the unentered hinterlands of the Guianas, are challenging us with their unwarned millions. The Indian population of these countries and of Panama are in the very depths of ignorance and superstition. The end is rapidly approaching; how much longer must they wait for the saving message of the gospel?

A great responsibility rests upon us! We must lay the burden of our missionary task on the believers in our churches. Mission funds must be increased; the Harvest Ingathering, Big Week, and other agencies for developing financial resources must be faithfully prosecuted, and made to yield more and more each year; local congregations should enlarge their borders and take in neighboring villages and communities in their missionary efforts; colporteurs must penetrate farther and farther with the truth-filled literature. This is God's plan for the finishing of the work; so we must never lose sight of the vision of lost souls all around us.

In developing old resources, and finding new sources of income for the missionary enterprise, there is one valuable agency entrusted to us which we should not overlook. I refer now to the conservation of men. The human element is invaluable, and is an indispensable need in the cause of missions—nor *money*, nor *materials*, nor *methods*, can take the place of the *man*. Our workers must be trained and equipped for their special responsibilities. After the expense has been invested in equipping and transporting a worker to his field, we must do everything in our power to lengthen his stay in, and conserve his service to, his appointed field.

The missionary who accepts a divine call to foreign service, covenants for a life service. Nothing should wean him from this covenant unless it is to save or prolong life, or to answer a more needy call elsewhere in the cause. The need of the hour before the church of Christ is more men and more means for the finishing of the work. But in the effort of enlisting new men for the foreign service, and in developing new sources of income, let us not forget to conserve, and rightfully to employ both the men and the means that God has already entrusted to us.

While the unoccupied territory is large, yet the work is God's; and He has

promised to finish it and to cut it short in righteousness. The missionary task will be finished on time. Our greatest resource is God Himself. He is our great Leader, and is available to each and every worker, whatever his task, wherever his field. The colporteur tramping the dusty roads; the Bible worker wending her lonely way from door to door; or the evangelist blazing a new trail in a new land and among people of a strange tongue,—their chief help must come from God Himself. We must draw our strength and our inspiration from Him. He will never fail His chosen instruments. As we draw to the close of 1924 and look towards the new year, let us covenant anew to take up our tasks and responsibilities with new courage and new zeal, that the new year may be our greatest and most successful year of service.

S. E. KELLMAN.

LEARN THEM FOR KEEPS

How much do you wish an education?—Enough to study hard for many days to gain it? Did you ever say: "O I would give anything to be able to play as she does"? But did you really mean it? Education in music, or in any other line, requires much hard work; and he who would succeed must continue his tireless study year after year. Still, to Christians, an education is worth all that it costs; for, with a good education, they can do a wonderful work in this dark world. The fishermen that followed Jesus and became some of the most remarkable soul winners in the world, studied for three years under the best Teacher that this world has ever known. It is our privilege to study under this same great Teacher, and become co-workers with Him in the same great work.

In the school of the great Teacher today, the Word of God, which is still the greatest book in the world, is the text. If we are willing to work hard on the lessons it contains, we may become excellent students, and then successful co-workers with Christ. Today, in all the best schools great stress is laid on mastering each lesson. Frequent reviews are given in order to fix the subject in the mind so that it will never be forgotten. One thing impressed thoroughly upon the mind is much better than many things half learned.

In mastering subjects in the Christian's great text Book, I have found the Morning Watch calendar a most excellent study outline. Each morning I memorize the text for the day, and review those learned before. I have really been

surprised to learn how much joy I find in these daily lessons. Reviewing the verses for the past is the most delightful part of the study. We all know how pleasant it is to meet old friends, and that it is said, "There is no friend like an old friend." So it is with our verses; we enjoy most going over the ones that we have learned already—especially if they have been thoroughly mastered. And how we enjoy meeting such verses at other times—in the Sabbath school lessons, in the church service, and in fact anywhere.

Now you may ask me what profit there is in spending so much time with the Morning Watch texts. I find that it makes me so familiar with the Scriptures that I can say many verses just as easily as I can say my own name. Often when I am talking with someone, a verse right on the subject of our conversation comes to my mind; and it is a real pleasure to be able to give the needed light. God has promised to bring these precious truths to our minds, but He can not do it if we have not first tried honestly to learn them. And we have not learned a verse, if we have merely read it over, and know something about it. In school it was not sufficient merely to read our lessons. We had to put hard work on them; and we should give the same diligence to our study of the Bible.

Many people say that they cannot memorize. However, this fact is one of the very best reasons for studying these verses; one of the best things we can do to strengthen the memory is to learn Bible verses. I find that learning these verses, and reviewing them every day is the best way to concentrate the mind; and concentration is one great secret of remembering. When I first began I found my mind wandering, and I had to bring it back again and again. It is not nearly so hard now,—for "practice makes perfect."

Now, if you decide to try this plan of frequent reviews, do not give it up when you happen to be real busy. Just ask God to help you to find the time to do it, and you will be surprised how God will help. He really seems like a personal friend helping you with your study. Ask God to help you to concentrate your mind on the lesson, and not let it wander on other things.

It takes me quite a little time to learn a verse; so when I learn it once I do not wish to forget it, but learn it for keeps. I review every day all the Morning Watch verses for the entire year, up to date. It is a real feast! I consider it the best spent hour of the day.

MRS. J. A. LELAND.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Fifty years ago when Elder J. N. Andrews opened the door to our foreign mission service, our denomination was not the great organization it is today. Our educational system, to which we now look largely for our trained recruits for service in foreign fields, was then a tender plant. It was scarcely more than peeping out of the ground. Our first college was being built, and was dedicated a few months after Elder Andrews sailed. The health work, too, was in its infancy, our first and only sanitarium being only eight years old.

But since that memorable day in 1852 when Elder James White sat by the roadside and wrote the first Bible lessons, the Sabbath school had begun to draw our believers together into groups for the study of God's Word. For a quarter of a century our publishing work had been sending out literature; and these silent soul winners had brought in many new believers. Then, too, for about fifteen years the tithing system had been blessing the new church with added strength for service.

The pioneers put themselves and their all in the Cause; so we do not wonder that God could trust them with power to do a great and mighty work! And have you stopped to think that while He was thus training His faithful servants for their world-wide mission, He was also preparing the world for the message they had to give? Great ocean liners were making highways of the deep; railroads were beginning to spin their webs of steel over the continents; cables and telegraphs were beginning to draw distant points of the world together; hermit nations were pushing ajar their doors for other lands to enter. And so we might go on; for God takes all things into consideration in His plans. Today, for instance, when His work demands greater haste, we see much improvement in traveling facilities for carrying His messengers hither and yon.

There were only 291 Seventh-day Adventist churches with about 7,500 members in all the world when Elder Andrews sailed. But the foundation which, under the direction of the Master Builder, these pioneers had laid was firm and abiding. They knew Him in whom they had believed, and He blessed them in laying a safe platform for His remnant people. Almost eighty years have passed since the corner stone of that foundation was laid, but still it stands secure. Storms have arisen; foes from within and from without have tried to destroy it; and the enemy of

God's work on earth has hurled his bombs at it. But, like the Gibraltar of truth from which it is built, it stands unmarred and unshaken through the onslaught of the changing years.

And what do we see today? Instead of a few French, Dutch, and Scandinavian believers among the English-speaking Seventh-day Adventists, our church membership numbers over 200,000 and speaks more than 100 languages. The little 20 x 30 publishing house in Battle Creek has grown into fifty-one flourishing plants in different parts of the world producing literature in 115 languages. One of these alone sent out 19,716 bushels of literature in 1923. Instead of the little health institute we had when Elder Andrews sailed for Europe, we have more than forty sanitariums now, employing about 2500 persons.

The successor of our first college is still training hundreds of young people; but 122 other advanced schools have come to assist in this great work, saying nothing of our primary schools which number about 1,200. Back in the '70's \$500.00 seemed a big foreign offering for one year; today we raise about two and a half million each year for missions. And how it would rejoice Elder Andrews' heart could he see the hosts of missionaries that have followed him into the regions beyond! In 1920, for instance, 310 bade farewell to native land to enter overseas service.

Truly God has done great things for His remnant people! "In reviewing our past history," said Mrs. E. G. White in 1893, "having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment and with confidence in Christ as leader. We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and his teaching in our past history."

Somehow these kindly words of counsel from the inspired pen that God has used for guiding His remnant people all these years, seem to raise a danger signal. And surely there is danger in these days of growth and prosperity that we stumble over our blessings. Prosperity in temporal things has caused churches as well as individuals to lose their way. It is one of the acid tests with which many go down. We must never forget the great things God has done; nor yet must we fail to remember the source of our strength. "Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord."

Our safety lies not in large numbers, nor in buildings, nor in humming presses, nor in silver and gold. None of these,

nor all of these, can finish the work; and yet God needs every one of them for it. That is the way He began this work. The pioneers gave Him their all as well as themselves. Some sold their farms and put the proceeds into the cause; one man sold his only team of oxen to help buy our first steam press; and a widow sold her little home to put her all in the cause she loved. These are not isolated cases. They only express the spirit of the pioneers.

Those who today look back upon this pioneer period of our denominational work should pause now and then to count the cost of laying the foundation so securely and so well. The poverty of these leaders has made us rich in many ways. They counted not the cost of service, for they had given their all to the cause. Often they would work hard in the field all day and then go and preach stirring sermons for one and a half hours at night. Often with a satchel on his back, one of these faithful workers would walk many miles to meet his appointment. They lived very simply; they did not think much about personal necessities. Simple clothes, or even patched clothes, were not discredited. These pioneers studied diligently, prayed earnestly, and worked incessantly. Their zeal was irrepressible, their faith was anchored safely within the veil; and they were willing always to spend and be spent for Him whom they served. Such were the elements that entered into the foundation, and such are the elements that the Master Workman requires for the finishing of the work.

"They climbed the steep ascent of heaven,
Through peril, toil and pain;
O, God, to us may grace be given
To follow in their train."

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IN THE HILLS OF CUPÉ ALTO

At the beginning of this year, a young man became interested in our message through observing the piety and devotion of one of our converts, who practiced the truth in his community. The young man was impressed to attend the town Sabbath School about ten miles from his farm; and he made the trip by foot regularly for many Sabbaths.

A change came over his life. He ceased to use liquor and tobacco; he forsook cards, cock-fighting, gambling,

the dance, and his evil associates. His wife noticed this remarkable change in her husband. She also noticed the development of new habits. She found him rising early in the morning and staring intently into a book. Sometimes she heard him murmuring something in an undertone; then again she would see him on his knees.

On one occasion, late at night, she was aroused from sleep by a light from the adjoining room; and she was about to inquire into the mysterious conduct of her husband, when he brought her a strange book with large letters. He told her he would teach her to read the same book that she might share with him the joy found in the study of the Holy Scriptures. She was ready to join him in study, and her progress was surprisingly rapid.

For years this whole expanse of country has been wrapped in spiritual darkness. But the work of the Spirit was so quiet, yet swift and effective, that before Rome was aware of the danger to her dominion, the sword of the Spirit had wrought a work beyond her control. (We thank God for this signal victory.) The local papal authorities, however, sent a party of the chief citizens from the town headed by a priest, to stay, if possible, the general "apostasy," and to recover their former prestige. When our believers heard of their approach, they gathered together on the site where we have commenced to build our church. Upon the arrival of the emissaries, messengers were sent throughout the surrounding country to gather the people together to celebrate mass. A very weak response was made to the call; fewer responded than were gathered on our building site.

The Catholics still maintain the prerogative to govern the consciences of men, and to hurl their ecclesiastical curses against Adventists. The priest has freely expressed in public his hatred toward us in language unbecoming to one professing Christianity. I have been careful to teach the people that love toward all, including our enemies, is Biblical; and that we should be courteous to everyone, and refrain from speaking in a derogatory manner of anyone.

Our earnest ambition now is to construct our building as quickly as possible in order to hold what we have already won, and to gain the interested ones. There is danger that hesitancy on our part at this critical stage of the work might cause some in the valley of decision to waver, unless we can shelter them against the organized opposition that has so suddenly been thrown

across our path. We need only \$250.00 to complete the church building, but the mission is not in a condition to render help at this time.

We are entering now in what is known as Cupé Bajo, and find the people attentive to the message. We expect to establish the work here firmly as in Cupé Alto.

The work in Porto Rico pertaining to my territory is going forward, but slowly, it seems. However, there are in the aggregate, forty-two candidates for baptism and twenty-nine church members. The attendance at the various services we hold weekly ranges from eight to thirty, mostly adults. Most of our members are studying for Standard of Attainment membership to qualify for more effective service.

There are many things to encourage one in the work. The Spirit of Prophecy states that there is a special power in the proclamation of the message at this time. The work is truly great, but the Lord has given me evidence of His power to capacitate for every added duty. I am glad that we do not have to depend on human wisdom and energy to perform the Lord's work. The Lord has given me better health than I have enjoyed in times past, for which I am deeply grateful, and every ounce of strength which He gives, I mean to devote to His blessed cause.

We have only a short time in which to work; the signs on every hand declare this emphatically, and we are assured that "the last moves will be rapid ones;" so it does behoove us to make a full and unreserved consecration for such an hour as this. I believe we are going to gain victories here that will cause the Catholic church to tremble. I cannot help but feel that we are in the time of the mighty outpouring of God's Spirit right now. May God grant that we shall not be laid aside as unprofitable servants.

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WHAT ONE PAPER DID

Sometime in 1923, a colporteur, passing through the town of Atlixco, Mexico, sold a copy of one of our Spanish publications. The purchaser found in it the address of the Guatemala Tract Society. Writing to that address, he was directed

to our office in Mexico. The workers there sent him more literature. Later another canvasser, who was sent to Atlixco, studied with this man and others who gathered in his house from night to night. In a short time the interest aroused demanded further attention, and another worker was sent.

As a result there are more than twenty persons in that little town keeping the Sabbath; and it was my privilege to baptize eight of them on a recent visit. Among the candidates was the man who wrote to Guatemala. The evening following the baptism I also had the privilege of performing the marriage ceremony for him and his bride.

Three of those who have accepted the message in this place have gone into the canvassing field; and in turn they will find other hungry souls and bring them into the fold. So God's work goes on. Often He uses means so humble, that we forget their importance, to build up His church, and to hasten the time when Jesus can come for His people.

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IN THE INTERIOR

Our work in Bocas del Toro is scattered over many cays and in many of these districts diseases are raging. Never have pneumonia, measles, malaria, and other diseases been more prevalent than during the past months. The mosquitoes have come in swarms, leaving behind them the effects of their malignant bites. There has been an alarming increase in the death rate.

Yet amid all this, the work of God has moved along very encouragingly. The recent tent effort held at Guabito will not be forgotten soon. Many came from different parts of the Changuinola and Sixola districts to hear the message, urging all to prepare to meet Christ at His soon coming. From among those who started out to keep the Sabbath, seven were baptized a few weeks ago; and before this reaches our readers, doubtless others will have gone forward in baptism.

In the Talamanca Valley two candidates have been awaiting the rite for some time; but in this season the swollen rivers make it impossible to visit these believers. We have two Talamanca Indians attending one of our schools. They love the Bible stories told by their teach-

er. and manifest an anxious desire to learn the junior lessons.

At Almirante, the United Fruit Company has given us a building in which to worship; and the meetings at this place are very inspiring. The people are anxiously enquiring after the tent effort to be held there.

The Bethel church, which has stood for eighteen years as a witness to this truth, was built by the writer. Its surroundings were then very inviting; but through the passing years, conditions have caused the people to move to other districts where living is more tolerable. For this reason it was decided to pull down this building, and to use the material to help build a church at Bellevue, which is a fairly well populated district.

In speaking of the Harvest Ingathering, a brother states that he experienced a more hearty welcome and received larger donations than last year. The spirit and courage with which the campaign is launched warrants our confidence in seeing a rich harvest of converts and means. J. A. REID.

THE LITTLE ISLAND CHURCH

Six years ago Brethren Harriott and Baines, of our Colon church, established themselves at Repeso in the interior of Panama. There they secured land for farming on the border of the great artificial Gatun lake, which forms an integral part of the Panama Canal. By faithful personal work, and helped by the immigration of other believers, they soon had a company of Adventists meeting every Sabbath to render homage to their Creator.

Sabbath, November 8, about thirty representatives from the Panama, Las Cascadas and Colon Churches, met at Monte Lirio, where the railroad discharged us; and getting into two small gasoline launches, we commenced the fourteen mile trip that would bring us to Repeso. The flooding of Gatun valley by impounding the Chagres river to form the Gatun lake, caused the waters to cover the forest trees. With the passing of time, most of the trees have rotted at the water line. At low water the stumps are seen above the surface; but at high water level, they are below; and this makes the navigating of the lake somewhat dangerous. We had several near collisions with these stumps, and once we nearly overturned; but fortunately we accomplished the trip without inconvenience to anyone.

We found that the brethren had erected a new frame church and furnished it with new pews, the work being

entrusted to the carpentry department of our training school in the Canal Zone. The work was well done, and is a credit to the students and teachers who undertook the task. The church members live all around the little island upon which the church is built, and it is a picturesque sight to see them in their canoes wending their Sabbath journey to the hill of worship.

Our visit was on the occasion of the first meeting in the new chapel. The old meeting place with thatched roof had long since served its day, and was rapidly disintegrating. The new church was packed with members, friends, and visitors. It was a day that will linger long in the memory of those who were privileged to attend.

Many of such chapels need to be erected in this conference; and our native believers can be used of God in this splendid work. Establishing themselves in agricultural work in various sections of this fertile country, and winning a good living for themselves and their families, they can become the agents of God in carrying the Gospel to others. Brethren Harriott and Baines have demonstrated what may be accomplished by those who are devoted to God and His truth. S. E. KELLMAN.

WEST CARIBBEAN NOTES

Some of you know that in the West Caribbean Conference we have not the facilities to travel that exist in many other parts of the world. A great deal of our traveling has to be done on board a yawl, a schooner, or some other class of sailing bark that only goes when the wind blows.

During the month of September there was a great calm, so that travel on small sailing crafts was very slow. To illustrate: It took me just seven days to go from San Andres to Old Providence—two islands fifty miles apart. In fact Old Providence can be seen from the hills of San Andres. All on that boat, like Paul, at night "wished for the day," and at morn wished for the night; not because of a storm, however, but because we were tired of the heat of the tropical sun and of sleeping on the floor of the deck or on a pile of cocoanuts.

But while traveling to the islands was difficult, we were greatly repaid for all hardships, in seeing persons surrender themselves to the Lord in the meetings that were held at Rocky Point and St. Isabel on Old Providence and at the Gough on San Andres. During our visit we had services every night and several times during the day. At Rocky Point

eight persons manifested a willingness to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. At Old Providence fifteen persons were baptized. They were won chiefly by the good work of Brother Sheridan Archbold. At St. Isabel we organized another church, so now we have two Seventh-day Adventist churches on Old Providence.

At San Andres, Brother Newball had six candidates ready for baptism, making a total of twenty-one in both islands. Many of those baptized had been students in the church schools at these places. It was certainly a good recommendation for our church school work.

On both islands Harvest Ingathering goals were set and the church members are endeavoring to reach them. Our Harvest Ingathering work on the isthmus of Panama is also being carried forward enthusiastically. Recently two of our workers spent three days in the city of Panama. They visited a few business men and gathered \$165.50. Our workers and lay members are also doing well. People seemed pleased to give us money when we told them of our great work and its needs. Can we not within the next few weeks finish our part in the West Caribbean Conference, by raising \$4,000.00, so that we may be able to sing our jubilee song? W. R. POHLE.

GOOD NEWS FROM COLOMBIA

Under the direction of Brother Redondo, our native worker in Barranquilla, the meetings are continuing in the regular place of worship as well as in the homes of the people.

The work in Bogota progresses, slowly but steadily. With this new quarter, we have begun to divide the Sabbath school into the various classes, for several of the brethren now are far enough advanced in the knowledge and practice of the truth to teach it to others. Mrs. Trummer holds teachers' meetings Friday evenings.

The evangelistic phase of the work has added the "Berean" Bible class to be carried on the next two months. This is conducted for the benefit of those who are already keeping the Sabbath, and for the new members of the Sabbath school. The regular attendance is six; but sometimes we have as many as twelve to study with us. We are holding these semi-weekly meetings with the view of preparing new candidates for baptism. E. M. TRUMMER.

God's people are to be channels for the outworking of the highest influence in the universe.—Vol. VI, p. 11.

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NOTES FROM THE PRESS

A large shipment of books has just gone into Mexico. A total of 35 cases was sent out by one boat from Mountain View. It is easy to guess what influence this and several other shipments will have on our report for December, and for the year.

Brother G. D. Raff writes telling of his visit to the eastern end of his Antillian Union territory—Porto Rico. He has gone to spend a few weeks with Brother Leo Odom, the new field missionary secretary for that mission. He hopes to see the magazine work revived throughout that busy little island, and the work in Porto Rico be made all the stronger, as a result.

Student colporteur activities in the West Caribbean field continue strong. Work is being conducted with English, Spanish, and Chinese books, and Brother J. E. Shidler is kept busy helping his band of young people.

Guatemala surprised us a few days ago with an order for 300 large books to be sent by mail. Brother Martin, the superintendent, asked that these books be rushed through so they would have stock on hand the first of December, when Brother H. A. B. Robinson expected to get back from Salvador, and could assist some new colporteurs in deliveries.

We learn that the new field missionary secretary for the South Caribbean Conference, Brother P. E. Shakespeare, is now located at Trinidad, ready for work. Thus the line of colporteur leaders is being constantly strengthened.

More than 15,000 English Morning Watch Calendars for 1925 have already been ordered in Inter-America. Each of the English fields in the division has broken all former records in the number of calendars ordered.

The October colporteur report from the Aztec Union field secretary, Brother J. B. Nelson, is an interesting document, showing 21 colporteurs in the field in Mexico, with an aver-

age of 100 hours each for the month, and orders totaling \$6,713.30, an average of about \$320 each. An average of 17 hours was also spent in delivering books.

A report of more than 700 subscriptions for *El Centinela*, many of these taken by colporteurs following the Combination Plan, was another interesting feature of the Aztec report. Brother J. A. Phillips, field missionary secretary for Northern Mexico, contributes a cheering sidelight to the general report, by telling that several of the young lady students from the Training School in Mexico City have helped to make

the good periodical report possible, for during October they took 351 subscriptions, besides selling 764 single copies of *El Centinela*. He adds that this work was done in one of the most fanatical districts of Mexico. He has hopes of seeing a class of young ladies conduct a constant aggressive campaign with the magazine.

We may all rejoice with our workers in Mexico that comparative peace again reigns in that immense republic, and that leadership has been provided for the colporteur work. May it go forward, gaining strength daily.

A NOBLE LINE OF WORK

Brother H. H. Hall has sent out some notes on a talk given at the Publishing Convention and European Division conference committee by Elder C. K. Meyers, secretary of the General Conference. They are very good, and doubtless only a few of our readers have had the opportunity of reading his statements; so we wish to pass on part of the report for the benefit of all who may be interested.

"For the first time I had the privilege last week of standing at the grave of Eld. J. N. Andrews at Basel. On the little slab were the words:

John Nevins Andrews,
Paris, Maine, U. S. A. July 22, 1829
Basel, October 21, 1883.

Founder and Editor of *Les Signes des Temps*.

"They might have inscribed there, 'First Adventist Missionary' or carved a sentence on the face of that stone telling of his noble life and unselfish sacrifice. But a divine providence, it seems to me, directed that the work that is really a foundation for all else that follows, should be united with the life-work of our first foreign missionary. As it was in Europe, so it has been in all the Divisions of the world-field, our pioneers have recognized that the best entering wedge is the literature work.

"As I have visited the smaller conferences and missions here in Europe, I have often said to myself, the only way out for these fields is to make their colporteur work strong.

"The call to a man to surrender his life to the colporteur service is a call from God. No form of organization promises him support. He is like

"EL CENTINELA" CIRCULATION NOVEMBER, 1924

Cuba	4,973	
Dominicana	301	
Porto Rico	472	
<i>Antillian Union</i>		5,746
Guatemala	203	
Honduras	181	
Mexico	1,653	
Salvador	483	
<i>Aztec Union</i>		2,520
Colombia	805	
Venezuela	334	
West Caribbean	355	
<i>Caribbean Union</i>		1,474
INTER-AMERICA		9,740
Arizona	60	
California B. House	73	
Central California	4	
Florida	10	
Northern California	5	
Northern Texas	23	
South California	201	
S. E. California	35	
South Texas	159	
Texico	8	
Misc. States	24	
<i>United States</i>		653
<i>Philippines</i>		33
<i>Misc. Foreign</i>		32
TOTAL, Nov. 1924		10,458
TOTAL, Nov. 1923		11,499
<i>Decrease</i>		1,041

Isaiah who was called to stand alone. He was called to go out with no other promise of support than the provision made in that call. So with the colporteur, he hears the call to service and responds "Here am I: send me." and goes out with no other promise of support than that contained in the call. We honor Isaiah who was called of God and who responded. We should honor the colporteur who hears a similar call and heeds it. Isaiah carried his work on his heart. The colporteurs in Europe are carrying their work on their hearts, as we have every evidence to believe. I sat in Poland the other evening into the small hours listening to the experiences of these men who work under the constant dread of arrest, imprisonment and worse. Not only the mental dread but the actual experiences. They have been imprisoned, their books confiscated, their backs beaten, and still they are at it. Men who suffer this way and remain at their posts have this work on their hearts. I know you join me in honoring this body of men and women whose work God has so abundantly sanctioned. Such a body of workers are a help and inspiration to the churches and our people generally. They help elevate the standard of spiritual living.

"Our colporteurs do a class of personal work that can be done by no others. They meet people just as they are. A minister visits usually on invitation or on appointment, and the people are somewhat ready for him. They come to the chapel with some preparation for what he is to say, but there is not much time between the colporteur's knock at the door and the appearance of the lady of the house. He finds her just as she is. In John 4 we have the beautiful story of the woman at the well. Jesus found her just as she was, and the colporteur follows the example of his Master and finds the people as He did, just as they are. I have employed both methods of winning souls, but I have never gotten so close to the hearts of the people as I did as a colporteur. There is no more successful way of soul-winning than through personal work, and that is the work of the colporteur. I often pray that God will help me to hold to the same principle of personal work as a minister as I did as a colporteur.

"As any denomination grows, it faces peculiar danger. At first the workers are from a mature class who are won from other walks of life. They give their hearts to God and their lives to His service with all the enthusiasm of a first love. But as the denomination grows older the workers are more largely developed from those born in the ranks. They grow up without passing through the struggles of surrender that their parents experienced. The colporteur work supplies that lack in their experience and education. It is a post-graduate work in which the experience of the young man or woman is rounded out."

A GLIMPSE INTO THE JANUARY "EL CENTINELA"

With the New Year we open a new department, an illustrated Children's Page of short stories, to appear monthly. It will be associated with the Home Department, these sections forming together at least two pages of each issue.

"What of the Future?" is the topic of the cover, represented by a little boy looking at a closed "Future"

chest, above which stands a huge question mark. An article accompanies the cover.

A. S. Maxwell, in "The Wonders of Wembley," tells the story of the great British Empire Exhibition.

Two pages for health: "How Nature Heals," by H. W. Miller, M. D., and "Nervous Influence in Diet," by R. Manning Clarke, M. D.

We begin in this issue R. F. Cottrell's series on "The Vitamines of Religion," the first article treating of "Life Only from Life."

"Martyrs of the Mountains of Peru" is a thrilling story by E. H. Wilcox of the establishment of schools around Lake Titicaca, high in the Andes.

Ernest Lloyd compiles for us some brief but most helpful "Meditations for the Month," a feature we plan to run in each issue this year.

The other regular departments of *El Centinela* will continue in 1925 as heretofore, filled with matter chosen for the Latin Americans who live in our territory.

With the New Year renew your efforts to extend the circulation of our Spanish magazine. "*More Centinelas—More Souls.*"

SALES REPORT, BY UNIONS, NOVEMBER, 1924
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	Subscription	Trade	Educa.	Tracts	Total
Antillian Union	22.00	252.10	12.00	5.90	292.00
Aztec Union	9,443.00	147.95	...	6.05	9,590.95
Caribbean Union	1,610.50	500.80	5.65	6.05	2,123.00
Total, November, 1924	11,075.50	900.85	17.65	11.95	12,005.95
Total, November, 1923	2,493.35	1,041.70	111.65	170.24	3,816.95
Decreases		140.85	94.00	158.30	
Increases	8,582.15				8,189.00

SALES REPORT, JANUARY TO NOVEMBER, 1924

Bahamas	297.50	95.45	143.50	6.00	542.45
Cuba	13,601.40	1,051.30	36.75	30.15	14,719.60
Dominicana	1,603.75	70.45	...	2.00	1,676.20
Haiti	61.60	199.75	5.50	17.50	284.35
Jamaica	4,642.35	695.80	140.05	100.75	5,578.95
Porto Rico	2,966.00	430.65	4.00	81.95	3,482.60
<i>Antillian Union</i>	23,172.60	2,543.40	329.80	238.35	26,284.45
Guatemala	1,165.55	99.55	...	64.90	1,330.00
Honduras	2,300.70	657.45	110.45	65.25	3,133.85
Mexico	17,103.00	719.20	37.20	86.95	17,946.35
Salvador	4,175.50	228.20	56.40	57.75	4,517.85
<i>Aztec Union</i>	24,744.75	1,704.40	204.05	274.85	26,928.05
Colombia	7,468.85	121.45	7.50	16.80	7,614.60
South Caribbean	5,687.20	1,570.75	8.10	41.00	7,307.05
Venezuela	1,106.45	219.80	5.20	11.25	1,342.70
West Caribbean	4,917.05	599.10	156.70	54.95	5,727.80
<i>Caribbean Union</i>	19,179.55	2,511.10	177.50	124.00	21,992.15
Total Sales, 1924	67,096.90	6,758.90	711.35	637.20	75,204.35
Total Sales, 1923	110,314.10	7,588.00	1,060.10	1,282.30	120,244.50
Decreases	43,217.20	829.10	348.75	645.10	45,040.15

WITH OUR WORKERS

"God is blessing the work in this part of the vineyard, despite much opposition," writes Brother A. E. Riley from British Guiana. "Last year we had thirty-two baptisms in this part of the field. Up to the present time, this year, we have baptized twelve; and fifteen are taking instruction preparatory for baptism,—eleven in Georgetown and four in New Amsterdam. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." We must have divine power, indeed, to cope with the great task before us."

Over from Camaguan, Venezuela, Brother Richard E. Greenidge sends us a message of progress. He and his wife are of good courage, for says he, "The Lord is blessing our efforts for the salvation of souls. We have a three year old primary day school which is doing its share of reducing opposition; but there still looms up before us a wall of difficulties erected by opposers of the truth. But despite the anathemas hurled at us, many Catholic children remain in our school, and are learning about this blessed truth."

A letter received from Pastor C. E. Wood, president of the Jamaica Conference, contains this bit of good news: A boy of twelve heard a Seventh-day Adventist minister preach. When he returned to his home, he told a young man about the sermon and added that he believed it was the truth, although he was not ready to accept it. The seed sown by the lad fell in good soil; for the young man decided at once to obey. "This experience," says Brother Wood, "truly indicates that the providences of God are working;" and then he adds, "Brother Stockhausen recently found a group of four persons, nine miles from town, who had never attended any of our meetings. Surely we have reached the time when the Lord will cut short His work in righteousness!"

There comes to us a word snapshot of the church at Port of Spain, Trinidad, at work. The members assembled in meeting. After a very interesting program, the leader gave to every one his work. Names with addresses of five hundred persons were distributed among the members, and soon willing hands wrapped and addressed papers to be mailed to these individuals. On each paper was placed the office stamp telling where more literature might be obtained. Then with an earnest season of prayer the papers were sent forth on their soul winning mission.

Sister C. P. Martin, of Guatemala, sends us this cheering word: "We have a fine family of new Sabbath keepers down near Puerto Barrios at Cayuga. The father is an American, the mother, Mexican; and there are nine well-bred children. The oldest is a girl of seventeen. The father came over to Guatemala to work; and meanwhile he accepted the truth here in the republic. When his family joined him, he learned that they had also found the truth, and were keeping the Sabbath. You may imagine their joy and surprise, for both the father and the family had kept their secret until they should be reunited. They have a family Sabbath school, and it seems to me they might have a little Missionary Volunteer society, too." — Surely, they should!

WHAT ARE YOU TAKING ALONG?

A young boy was shipwrecked; and when his rescuers reached him, they found him clinging to a small book.

"Is that all you saved?" one of them asked.

"Yes, sir."

"But why didn't you snatch up some clothes instead?"

"Because Mother told me that whatever I lost, never to lose my Bible."

"That boy had learned early in life to place a true value on God's Book. Have we? We are about to drift out of the old year into the new. What are we taking along? Are we choosing as wisely as did the shipwrecked boy?"

Many persons will float on through December into the new year, clinging to habits and things that crowd out of their lives God's choicest blessings for them. The shipwrecked boy could cling only to one thing; and he chose to cling to the Bible. You and I can cling only to a few things.

We can take only a few things along. What shall we choose?

Soon the great Rescuer of men will call our names: What will He find in our hands? in our hearts? Friends, it will make a great difference then. But there will be no turning back. Today we must decide what we would have God find in our hearts and hands when He sits to judge His own.

Do you not think it behooves us to cling to our Bibles? to make the New Year a year with God and His Book? to keep our morning appointments with Him? to look into His face in our first waking moments even before we greet the loved ones in our family circle? If we do this, the Saviour will become more and more real to us, and we shall find in Him a Friend more precious than life itself. We shall find Him a Friend who will bear our burdens, share our sorrows, deepen our joys, and grant us success in service.

FRIENDS ACROSS THE DEEP

Professor L. L. Caviness, Sabbath-School secretary for the European Division writes: "I have recently returned from a trip to Poland and Czechoslovakia. At the Polish Institute all the workers for the Polish Union were present; but there were only thirty for that great field of thirty million inhabitants. Plans have been laid for a school in Poland to train the much needed workers."

"In the Silesian Conference our brethren cannot meet as a church but come together under paragraph 2 of the old Austrian laws as the "More Light Society;" and only persons with membership cards can be admitted to the meetings. When I reached the headquarters of the Silesian Conference, I found the president of the conference in jail. He was in for a week because he had baptized a sister who had asked for baptism. This experience shows the diffi-

CONFERENCE SESSION

Beginning January the 29th to February the 8th, 1925, there will take place in Las Cascadas the fourteenth biennial session of the West Caribbean conference. At that time officers will be elected for the next biennial term, and other business pertaining to the conference work that should come before that meeting will be transacted.

Each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization, and one additional delegate for each fifteen members, who shall be duly elected by the church and given delegates' credentials. The plan of the conference for the delegation is as follows:

All duly accredited delegates from the churches will be furnished with board and room during the conference session. The traveling expenses to and from the conference is to be borne by the church that is sending the delegates. We shall be glad to correspond with our brethren with reference to the coming conference session, and shall be glad to answer any questions pertaining thereto.

All of our brethren and sisters throughout the conference are invited to attend, and we hope that a large number will be able to do so. Provisions for the accommodation of those who are not delegates will be made at a very modest sum so that the expense of coming to the conference and attending the session, probably will not exceed the expense that you would have by remaining at home.

We plan to make this fourteenth session of the conference the best that we have had in this field; and to this end we ask our brethren to remember us and the conference work at the throne of grace, that God may abundantly bless the efforts and plans that will be put forth for the advancement of this cause and truth. Plan to be there on the day of the beginning of our conference meeting so that there will be no delay in getting our work started, in order that we may get through with all business that may come before us as a body.

W. R. POHLE, President
FRED HUTCHINSON, Secretary

culties under which our brethren labor in some parts of the European field.

"In Czechoslovakia we have six languages spoken among our members and it is difficult to supply the adults with Sabbath school lessons. The children have lessons in only one language. I felt sorry for the children who are not only without the memory verse cards, picture rolls, and kindergarten methods, but even without lessons in their own language. Our Bohemian children are studying the Methodist Sunday school lessons."

In six months the number of believers in the Celebes increased from three or four to about 150. "It has all been so wonderful," writes Pastor A. Munson, "and things have happened in such rapid succession, that we have been too busy to tell the story. At first we began by opening up twelve or fifteen cottage meetings in different parts of the town. The interest was keen, and as time went on those who were convinced of the truth became more and more in earnest.

Speaking of the transformation wrought on lives, Brother Munson continues:

"One remarkable feature of the work here is the way it has converted some of the most violent and unruly men in the country,—men who for years have been the terror of the countryside. They were champion fighters and heavy gamblers and men ruled by violent passions; but now they are tamed; they have been converted by the power of God in this message. A magistrate was once so violent that all who came before him sat in terror for fear of his blows; but now all that has disappeared; he is a humble loving husband, and a meek Christian. All his relatives marvel at the change in him and in his home.

"Another brother was once a murderer. He drank as much as one gallon of native liquor daily. But when this message came to his village and he felt its power, he states that soon all his passions disappeared, leaving him a quiet, temperate Seventh-day Adventist. He himself cannot understand by what process he was liberated from the power of Satan; he only rejoices that he is free."

"Sabbath was an extremely busy day," writes Pastor W. S. Hyatt, reporting a campmeeting held in Solusi Mission, Africa. "At the close of the morning service, an opportunity to contribute to the mission funds was given, and quite an amount was pledged in cattle, grain and money. The drought has made it very hard for these people; still they wanted a part in sending this message into all the world. In the afternoon almost fifty were baptized, and forty-six were baptized two or three months ago; so this brings the total up to almost one hundred. By this we can see that a good work has been done. The meeting closed with the Lord's supper and a thanksgiving service for the blessings received."

Recent numbers of the *Review & Herald* have contained interesting testimonies from believers who have grown grey in the message. They all testify to the personal help the *Review* is to them in keeping them in touch with the onward flight of the third angel's message. And keeping in touch with it as they have through the decades, they have a faith today that is strong and invincible, while the Blessed Hope grows brighter with each declining day. Truly they who know God cannot doubt; and they whose eyes follow His work as it speeds from land to land over barriers of every kind, with undimmed faith can see clearly the day of glorious triumph.

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