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FAITH AND COURAGE

The Lord directed Moses to recount to the children of Israel His dealings with them in their deliverance from Egypt and their wonderful preservation in the wilderness. He was to call to mind their unbelief and murmuring when brought into trial, and the Lord's great mercy and loving-kindness, which had never forsaken them. This would stimulate their faith and strengthen their courage. While they would be led to realize their own sin and weakness, they would realize also that God was their righteousness and strength.

It is just as essential that the people of God in this day should bear in mind how and when they have been tested, and where their faith has failed; where they have imperiled His cause by their unbelief, and also by their self-confidence. God's mercy, His sustaining providence, His never-to-be-forgotten deliverances, are to be recounted, step by step. As God's people thus review the past, they should see that the Lord is ever repeating His dealings. They should understand the warnings given, and should beware not to repeat their mistakes. Renouncing all self-dependence, they are to trust in Him to save them from again dishonoring His name. In every victory that Satan gains, souls are imperiled. Some become the subjects of his temptations, never to recover themselves. Then let those who have made mistakes walk carefully at every step praying, "Hold up my goings in my paths, that my footsteps slip not." Ps. 17:5.

God sends trials to prove who will stand faithful under temptations. He brings all into trying positions, to see if they will trust in a power out of and above themselves. Every one has undiscovered traits of character that must

come to light through trial. God allows those who are self-sufficient to be sorely tempted that they may understand their helplessness....

Our greatest need is faith in God. When we look on the dark side, we lose our hold on the Lord God of Israel. As the heart is opened to fears and conjectures, the path of progress is hedged up by unbelief. Let us never feel that God has forsaken His work.

There must be less talking unbelief, less imagining that this one and that one is hedging up the way. Go forward in faith; trust the Lord to prepare the way for His work. Then you will find rest in Christ. As you cultivate faith, and place yourselves in right relation to God, and by earnest prayer brace yourselves to do your duty, you will be worked by the Holy Spirit. The many problems that are now mysterious, you may solve for yourselves by continued trust in God. You need not be painfully indefinite because you are living under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. You may wait and work in confidence.

We must have less faith in what we can do, and more faith in what the Lord can do for us, if we will have clean hands and pure hearts. You are

not engaged in your own work; you are doing the work of God.

More love is needed, more frankness, less suspicion, less evil-thinking. We need to be less ready to blame and accuse. It is this that is so offensive to God. The heart needs to be softened and subdued by love. The strengthless condition of our people results from the fact that their hearts are not right with God. Alienation from Him is the cause of the burdened condition of our institutions.

Do not worry. By looking at appearances, and complaining when difficulty and pressure come, you reveal a sickly, enfeebled faith. By your words and works show that your faith is invincible. The Lord is rich in resources. He owns the world. Look to Him who has light, and power, and efficiency. He will bless every one who is seeking to communicate light and love.

The Lord desires all to understand that their prosperity is hid with Him in Christ; that it is dependent on their humility and meekness, their wholehearted obedience and devotion. When they shall learn the lesson of the great Teacher, to die to self, to put no confidence in man, nor to make flesh their arm, then, as they call upon Him, the Lord will be to them a present help in every time of need. He will guide them in judgment. He will be at their right hand to give them counsel. He will say to them, "This is the way; walk ye in it."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.



S. D. A. Church in Camaguan, Venezuela, in the center

THE HOUR AND ITS NEED

The churches, that in past ages have stood as a bulwark against the rising tide of evil, have ceased to stay its progress longer. By lowering the standard of righteousness, by robbing the law of God of its dignity, its majesty, and its supreme authority over the consciences of men, the barrier

against transgression has been broken down; and in vain the churches plead for respect for human enactment.

Truly, "Babylon is fallen." The glory has long since departed from the mother; and now it has as verily departed from the daughters as from the ancient temple at Jerusalem. One writer speaks of the condition of the popular churches as follows:—

"The Christian church is in the midst of one of the most appalling crises in the history of Christendom. False teachers have swept over it like a devastating flood.... The disheartening feature of the situation is that, whereas in the past the destroyers of the faith have commonly been men of the world, outside of the churches, today they are inside, leaders in the great scholastic apostasy, and entrenched in its press, its homes, its educational institutions, and even its theological seminaries."

The last invitation of mercy that is to be given with "great power," and is to lighten the earth with its glory, announces the fall of Babylon, and calls upon God's people to come out of her. The time has come for this last call to be given. No human wisdom or intellectual power will suffice for this crisis hour. Nothing but the wisdom that cometh from above, and the power of the Holy Ghost will enable one to stand true to his Master in such a time as this.

The true church of God at this time above all others must withdraw from all allegiance to the world; she must stand loyally in defence of God's downtrodden law; she must exalt its majesty, and show forth its glory. Her life must be radiant with the righteousness of Christ. The pure brightness of a genuine Christian character will distinguish her from all the fallen churches as she holds aloft the banner bearing the inscription, "The commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

As through all past ages, God preserved a faithful few who loyally maintained His honor; so in these last hours of human probation, He has separated the remnant church from all the world. This church, though composed of weak, erring mortals gathered from nearly every nation on earth,—mortals who are in constant peril, being exposed to the fierce assaults of the enemy who is marshaling all his forces in a determined effort to destroy them,—is endeavoring

earnestly to fulfill all the requirements of Holy Writ. For her, God is effecting "wonderful things; counsels of old time, promises immutably true." Soon the last promise will be faithfully confirmed by the return of her glorious Lord.

E. E. ANDROSS.



"AS LABORERS TOGETHER"

Somehow there is a sort of a feeling of safety that comes over one as he reflects upon the knowledge of being associated with others in the same work. In the pursuit of worldly endeavor it is noticeable that a sympathetic feeling possesses men following the same vocation; and for this reason the commercial and labor federations have a close attachment to the line of work they may be doing. Because of the fact that many others are identified with them in the same class of business, they are inclined to favor one another as much as possible in their endeavors.

Seventh-day Adventist workers are laboring in the noblest Cause on earth; but too much importance cannot be placed upon our "laboring together". To be simply laboring in the Cause does not fully meet our great privilege; nor does it answer the call of duty. There should exist a fraternal feeling because of the mutual confidence we have in the character of that Cause. Amid the difficulties, and perhaps dangers, encountered, we are animated by the assurance that others are cooperating with us in spirit if not corporally present.

This association, in plan and purpose, carries with it the individual responsibility that we should "look also on the things of others." So "they helped every one his neighbor. . . . So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smootheneth with the hammer him that smote the anvil." These words teach us that, for instance a colporteur should encourage, not only his brother-colporteurs, but also ministers and doctors; and that a teacher should not only encourage his fellow teachers, but publishing house and sanitarium workers as well. This must largely be done by means of timely communication, and with kindly counsels and exhortations.

Practically this may be carried out in a way that would be of very great encouragement to those whose work in part is that of assembling the statistics necessary for our records and for publication. To begin with, each lay member of the church should feel that he must make this "timely communication"

in the prompt payment of his tithes and offerings; so that at the end of the month, the church treasurer may promptly communicate his report to the conference or mission treasurer. Then, if all the churches send in their reports at the same time, there need be but little delay in their reaching the conference or mission office.

However, the next cause for anxiety is the question as to how much time may elapse before the reports of the conferences and missions will reach the union mission office, and from there, the division office. The same may be said with reference to secretarial work, beginning with the church clerk and departmental secretaries and following through the same course as that pertaining to the funds. With our very complete system of organization, considerable time is necessary in passing the reports from one to another, but diligence and promptness will do much toward landing them in the last named office by the end of two months from the start. If some work must be delayed, I would suggest that it be something that has nothing immediately to do with a report that some secretary or treasurer is longing to have.

Stale news is not usually interesting. Sometimes reports are so belated and old, that they come far short of revealing the status of our work when they are read. A few months ago I read in the *Review* some brief statistical figures comparing the growth of our work. Being freshly compiled, they were most interesting, and no doubt encouraging to the entire denomination. Cooperation and promptness in this particular in the Inter-American division will make possible future comparisons that may revive the flagging interest of many in the progress of this message.

C. E. KNIGHT.



MIRACLES OF MISSIONS IN VENEZUELA

In his article, appearing in the Caribbean union section of this paper, Pastor W. E. Baxter refers to the very interesting reports rendered by the workers at the biennial meeting of the Venezuelan mission. One of these reports was given by Brother Julio Garcia Diaz, from the interior, whose life is a striking miracle of the transforming power of God's Word. A few years ago he was steeped in indescribable wickedness. But since Brother Lopez helped this prodigal to find Christ, there has been a

marvelous change in his life. Today he is a most earnest, devoted worker.

Brother Julio Diaz reviewed his experiences in God's work; and his report for 1924 ran as follows: 87 sermons, 841 other meetings, 907 Bible readings, 248 missionary visits, 23 books sold, 6 books lent or given away, 3077 tracts given away, and 150 papers distributed. During his report, he made a very touching appeal in behalf of the great Llanos, as the interior plains of Venezuela are called. In one section 200,000 civilized Indians are calling loudly for missionaries. Pastor L. J. Borrowdale and Brother Julio Diaz have been working there and have touched the lives of a few of these fine, promising people.

No railroads have spun their iron webs across these vast plains, large stretches of which are under water in the wet season; but these faithful workers traveled up and down the waterways in their little gasoline launch. There were engine troubles, mosquito dangers, water famines, and even foodless days now and then. Still these dauntless workers pressed on. They visited the people along twenty-four different rivers; and in many places they were surprised to learn that, in mysterious ways, rays of truth had traveled on before them.

With tears in his eyes, Brother Julio Diaz pled for more workers for the Llanos. He said in substance, "Toss up a Seventh-day Adventist missionary and let him drop anywhere in the Llanos, and in a short time he would establish a church there. As yet no denomination has settled among the Indians of this section. The Catholic priests have visited and baptized some; but there are not even ten priests in the entire district. These people are without religion. Friends, they are waiting for us."

We rejoice that at Camaguan, a town in the Llanos 250 miles from any railroad, we have a church of about 60 members and a school with 50 children in attendance. Many of the children come from Catholic homes. Mr. Andrews and I had the privilege of visiting this interesting location, and our hearts thrilled with gratitude as we saw the victories that had been won for the truth. We saw the dark, loathsome prison where seven of our brethren were incarcerated about three years ago because they kept their places of business open on Good Friday.

"I do not like to show this to you," said the Jefe Civil, the chief officer in that section of the Llanos, as he turned the key in the door to the prison. This new official is very friendly to our people and is rendering every possible assistance. At a recent patriotic celebration in the town, he asked Brother Greenwood, director of our school there, to take charge of the program, and to drill not only his own pupils, but also to help the public school teachers with their parts.

But the Llanos where Brethren Borrowdale and Diaz have been working are not the only places calling for help. The Macedonian cry comes from other parts where Venezuela's millions await the light whose dawning maketh all things new. One young man from a very different angle had been an Adventist only about four months; but he said he had fifteen or sixteen families interested. You will be glad to know that arrangements to answer his call for help were under way when the meeting closed.

Other Venezuelan believers aside from these have developed speedily into earnest, successful workers for the Master. A former merchant is now bearing the burden of the tract society work. About three years ago one of the new recruits in the colporteur work was a farmer, who also kept a small wayside inn in the heart of the Llanos. Somehow he learned of a religion that was worth while; and he also heard that one of the representatives of that religion was named "Baxter." Hungry to be taught the way of truth, he obtained a Bible; and then he tacked on his house a board bearing the reference of "Rev. 22:12." "If a missionary passes here and sees this," he said in his heart, "he will know that I am a Protestant."

God did not forget this honest seeker for truth. One day as Pastor Baxter and others were on a missionary tour into the interior, they noticed a large tree near the road and also near a house where they possibly could get some water to drink; so they decided to stop there to eat their lunch. As they were eating, a native came out to them, saying: "Is your name Baxter?" A look of surprise spread over the faces in the group. But the point of contact was made. God had brought the seeker

for truth in touch with the seekers for souls; and today this honest-hearted farmer is carrying a knowledge of the blessed truth that transformed his own life to others waiting in darkness.

The forces in Venezuela, however, are not able to harvest the overripe grain speedily. They are too slender for this. Though they give their all for its accomplishment, and press forward untiringly to save the lost, cost what it may, many, many places are still pleading for workers. There, too, honest hearts are waiting anxiously for the time when men and means will make it possible to lengthen cords and strengthen stakes to include them. May God hasten that day!

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THE WEEK OF PRAYER IN JAMAICA

The Week of Prayer was a season of great refreshing to the members of the Jamaica conference; and it was characterized this year by an unusual spirit of earnestness and consecration. The writer visited a group of churches in the western part of the island during this important week, and rejoiced to see the people so eager to receive the promised blessing of the Lord.

In nearly every church the meetings were appointed for four o'clock in the morning. It was necessary to arise at about three and one would naturally expect that only a few would be present at that early hour; but nearly every morning the majority of the church members were at the church before the service began. In one church, where a number did not have time-pieces, some came as early as one A. M. to make sure that they would not be late. When such earnestness is manifested, the Lord will not pass by with His blessing.

It is encouraging to notice each year that more of those who are not of our faith are meeting with us to seek the Lord's blessing during the Week of Prayer. As they witness the power of the Holy Spirit which is manifested in the meetings, they are impressed that God is with His people; and are, therefore more susceptible to the truth. We are expecting that the inspiration received at these meetings will cause a

great increase in soul-winning activity during the year 1925. C. E. Wood.

This spirit of consecration is also seen in the offerings in Jamaica. "The offerings for December were the best ever recorded in Jamaica," says a letter written by one of the workers there, in January.

In January the believers in Kingston, Jamaica, were holding eight open air meetings simultaneously each Sabbath, and scattering our literature "like leaves of autumn".

THE PORTO RICO COLPORTEUR INSTITUTE

Porto Rico has been somewhat disorganized, and behind in the colporteur work for the year 1924; but now it can be said that the aspect is changing.

The new field secretary arrived in October; and a little later the union secretary, Brother G. D. Raff, came over to reorganize the work. After a few weeks of visiting over the island in search of new workers, and in turning the old "knights of the prospectus" "back to the old paths," we gathered a nice little band together for an institute.

And a good institute it was, too! There were seven days of real work and study. Blackboards, charts, mottoes, maps and colporteur paraphernalia, gave the meeting room a business like appearance.

Special emphasis was given to the spiritual side of the work, touching on the Christian life,—prayer, Bible study, and the cultivation of the nobler traits. Besides studying the history of the colporteur work, and its relation to the organized work of the church, we studied the art of selling books. Out of his many years of experience in the field, Brother Raff gave us much valuable instruction, and an abundance of good food for thought. Every day a part of the time was devoted to the study of the canvasses, and to demonstrations for both books and magazines.

A nice little company of six regular colporteurs, and perhaps two magazine workers, will go out as a nucleus; but we expect to increase this army. Beside attending the institute, the colporteurs were privileged to attend the general meeting that followed.

By the help of the great Chief of colporteurs, we are going to carry forward the work in Porto Rico to His glory, and for the salvation of the lost.

LEO ODOM.

O SPEED THE WORK

*O speed the work of gathering souls,
For night is coming on,—
A night in which no man can work;
A night of awful gloom;
A night with not one ray of light
To guide the wanderer home,
For mercy's wing is fo'ed then,
And sealed the book of doom.*

*Then speed, O speed the work of love;
The warning must be given,
And all must help send forth the call
Who hope to rest in heaven;
For none can rest in that best home
Whose brows have never here
Been moistened by a toil for souls,
Or furrowed by that care.*

*Then let us toil and let us pray.
The shining mansions wait;
The Master longs to call us home,
And close each pearly gate;
But honest souls are still unwarned,
And we must speed the call,
Or share the fate of those distressed
On whom His wrath shall fall.*

—Selected.

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MAKING PROGRESS

Looking back over 1924, Pastor E. P. Howard of Salvador writes: "Our Sabbath School work in Salvador has made steady progress each quarter during the past year. We are pleased to see this, and hope to see still greater advancement during the present year. There are some missing members; but we shall try to find them. Our people are so poor here that it seems difficult to raise our per capita; but we shall do our best.

"The Harvest Ingathering for Salvador reached \$403.13 gold. We were surprised to find the business men so willing to give; and are grateful to God for this needed money."

Then speaking of the school of which you have had cheering reports before, he continues: "The country school at La Loma has started another term on time. Thirty-five boys and girls from the neighborhood have matriculated. That surely is better than the beginning of last year when it was difficult even to get one started. Prospects are excellent."

Eighty-five persons were baptized in Mexico recently and more are waiting to follow their Lord in this sacred rite.

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THE VENEZUELA MEETING

It was Monday, December 22, that the good S. S. *Crvassen* arrived in La Guaira from Trinidad. Six of her passengers were coming to Venezuela in the interests of the Lord's work. Pastor and Sister Andross came to attend the general meeting; Pastor and Sister Sutton and daughter, Elenor, to make their home here at the union headquarters, as Brother Sutton now leads out in the field missionary work of the union; and I was arriving home after an absence of three months.

We were pleased to greet Pastors Knight and Borrowdale in La Guaira. They had come down from Caracas to meet us. After getting through the customs, we came by auto to Caracas, a distance of a little more than twenty-one miles. We were glad for the cool invigorating air of Caracas.

The general meeting began Thursday night, December 25. A good delegation from the interior represented our two churches there. Others who have recently learned about the truth but are not yet members were present from other parts to urge that help be sent to teach them more fully, and to follow up the interest in those parts.

Pastor and Sister Andross took an active part in the meetings; and all greatly enjoyed the valuable help rendered. All our people were glad to greet Pastor Andross again. They had not forgotten the timely instruction he gave two years ago. The Lord came especially near His people; and a spirit of reconsecration for the finishing of the work took possession of them. The first Sabbath afternoon Sister Andross and my wife conducted a short Sabbath School convention; and on Sunday afternoon they led out in a Missionary Volunteer convention. The instruction thus imparted was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by the members and will be a great help to these branches of the work in Venezuela.

The financial report of the mission rendered by Brother Knight was very encouraging, showing advancement along all lines. We were impressed with the possibilities along this line. The reports of the departmental secretaries were also very good. We feel that the work here is in good condition for rapid growth. The reports of the workers were of special interest. They told of

interests in all parts, and of how new Sabbath keepers are springing up wherever our workers go, and of many keeping the Sabbath who have not been visited as yet. Many are awaiting additional instruction before being baptized. Truly, this field seems to be white for the harvest.

The members of the union committee present, together with the division representatives, selected Pastor Borrowdale as superintendent of the Venezuela mission. He is conversant with the work, and we believe he will make a strong leader for this field.

It was our pleasure to take Brother and Sis'er Andross over to our Camaguan church which is 300 miles into the interior. The believers there greatly enjoyed their visit. While there, we baptized five in the river.

W. E. BAXTER.

THE WEST CARIBBEAN TRAINING SCHOOL


After its usual vacation, the West Caribbean Training School has again opened its doors; and should you be privileged to spend a day in the busy atmosphere of this institution, you would be convinced of the fact that much life and vigor is being expressed continually here. Approximately forty students were ready to begin their work at the opening of the school; and at the end of ten days there were sixty young people in the school homes.

Sabbath, February 21, was full of special interest. In the morning we learned that two out-going missionaries, Brother and Sister Clymer, were to pass through the Canal at a certain hour. Arrangements were made quickly for the school to greet these friends as they passed. All the students, in their Sabbath uniforms, gathered on the banks of the Canal at the school landing; and as the "Columbia" steamed past with our missionaries on board, the students sang a stanza of the well known hymn, "The Missionaries' Farewell."

In the afternoon, six of our returned colporteurs spent more than an hour, telling us interesting experiences of the summer. Their experiences gripped our hearts and inspired us all to greater activity.

New students are arriving every day! But there is still room for more. If you plan to come, come before you get too far behind! C. L. STONE.

Anywhere, anything, any time for the Son of God and the sons of men.



WORKERS' ROUND TABLE

FOR STUDYING
OUR MUTUAL PROBLEMS

LEADERSHIP. PART I

1. *The sacred responsibility of a leader:—*

"Grave responsibilities rest upon the leaders and upon the departmental superintendents. I am instructed to warn you, my brethren, that your faithfulness or unfaithfulness will have a strong influence either in advancing or in hindering the work of God."—*"Series B," No. 9, p. 13.*

"Those who hold positions of trust in the cause of God are to perfect their life after the divine similitude. In the home, in the church, before the world, they are to reveal the power of Christian principle to transform the life."—*"Counsels to Teachers," p. 397.*

2. *The kind of men the Lord is looking for:—*

"The Lord calls for those who will carry their load of responsibility with fear and trembling, looking to Him for wisdom and praying for counsel and continual grace, that no mistakes shall be made."—*"Series B," No. 9, p. 9.*

"To fill a high place before men, heaven chooses the worker who, like John the Baptist, takes a lowly place before God. The most childlike disciple is the most efficient in labor for God. The heavenly intelligences can cooperate with him who is seeking, not to exalt self, but to save souls."—*"D. of A.," p. 436.*

"Those who to-day occupy positions of trust should seek to learn the lesson taught by Solomon's prayer. The higher the position a man occupies, the greater the responsibility that he has to bear, the wider will be the influence that he exerts, and the greater his need of dependence on God. Ever should he remember that with the call to work, comes the call to walk circumspectly before his fellow men. He is to stand before God in the attitude of a learner. Position does not give holiness of character. It is by honoring God and obeying His commands that a man is made truly great."—*"Prophets and Kings," p. 30.*

"At this time God's cause is in need of men and women who possess rare qualifications and good administrative powers; men and women who will make patient, thorough investigation of the needs of the work in various fields; those who have a large capacity for work; those who possess warm, kind hearts, cool heads, sound sense, and unbiased judgment; those who are sanctified by the Spirit of God, and can fearlessly say, no, or yea and amen, to propositions; those who have strong convictions, clear understanding, and pure, sympathetic hearts; those who practise the words, 'All ye are brethren;' those who strive to uplift and restore fallen humanity."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 7, p. 249.*

"He wants men who are more intent upon doing their duty, than upon receiving their reward,—men who are more solicitous for principle than for promotion."—*"Ministry of Healing," p. 477.*

3. *What the Lord promises to the man whom He places in a responsible position:—*

"The Lord has given to every man his appointed work, and if He places men in positions of responsibility, He will communicate His Holy Spirit to them, giving them efficiency for their work."—*"Test. to Workers and Ministers," p. 375.*

"There are many whom He has called to positions in His work because they have a humble and teachable spirit. In His providence He places them where they may learn of Him. He will reveal to them their defects of character, and to all who seek His aid He will give strength to correct their errors."—*"Patriarchs and Prophets," p. 633.*

4. *The character of Joshua as a leader:—*

"Joshua was now the acknowledged leader of Israel. He had been known chiefly as a warrior, and his gifts and virtues were especially valuable at this stage in the history of His people. Courageous, resolute, and persevering, prompt, incorruptible, unmindful of selfish interests in his care for those committed to his charge, and, above all, inspired by a living faith in God,—such was the character of the man divinely chosen to conduct the armies of Israel in their entrance upon the promised Land."—*"Patriarchs and Prophets," p. 481.*

5. *The man that the Lord calls to a higher position:—*

"If any are qualified for a higher position, the Lord will lay the burden, not alone on them, but on those who have tested them, who know their worth, and who can understandingly urge them forward. It is those who perform faithfully their appointed work day by day who in God's own time will hear His call, 'Come up higher.'"—*"Ministry of Healing," p. 477.*

"Let those who feel that their work is not appreciated and who crave a position of greater responsibility, consider that 'Promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge. He putteth down one and setteth up another.' Every man has his place in the eternal plan of God."—*"Ministry of Healing," p. 476.*

6. *How a leader may enjoy constant success in his work:—*

"When a burden bearer desires wisdom more than he desires wealth, power, or fame, he will not be disappointed. Such a one will learn from the great Teacher not only what to do, but how to do it in a way that will meet with the divine approval.

"So long as he remains consecrated, the man whom God has endowed with discernment and ability will not manifest an eagerness for high position, neither will he seek to rule or control. Of necessity men must bear responsibilities; but instead of striving for the supremacy, he who is a true leader will pray for an understanding heart, to discern between good and evil.

"The path of men who are placed as leaders is not an easy one, but they are to see in every difficulty a call to prayer. Never are they to fail of consulting the great Source of wisdom. Strengthened and enlightened by the Master-worker, they will be enabled to stand firm against unholy influences, and to discern right from wrong."—*"Prophets and Kings," p. 31.*

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A "KEEP CLEAN" NUMBER

The cover of the April issue of *El Centinela* will carry the "Keep Clean" idea, and to explain it, there will be printed inside two articles on that general topic, one by the registered nurse Franke Cobban, and the other by Dr. Clara M. Schunk.

Dr. R. Manning Clarke will also write on "The Jazz Influence in Diet," this being the concluding article of his series. With the *May issue* we plan beginning another series of short health articles, this time especially written for the children, by Dr. Belle Wood-Comstock.

In "Siren Song of Peace," C. L. Paddock makes clear the folly of being blind to the war clouds that hang over the earth.

Last month we wrote a little about the recent to al eclipse of the sun, and we promised an article this month describing another "total eclipse" which the astronomers cannot explain. Here it is, "That Historic Dark Day," by Carlyle B. Haynes.

"The Best Remedy for Troubled Minds," by R. F. Cottrell, makes the fourth article of his most helpful series on fundamental truths.

C. P. Bollman contributes a splendid discussion of the foundation of the Sabbath, entitled, "In Memory of the Creation of the World." With it appears a short, helpful study on God's law, by Marcial Serna.

Then, of course, there will be the special "Childreiff's Page," with another for the parents in the "Home Department," to say nothing of other regular departments, plus many pictures and photographs, which will make the April *Centinela* worthy of a wide circulation. Will you share in helping it fulfill its mission?

THE MISSIONS EXTENSION FUND

One of the important events in the Seventh-day Adventist calendar is the Big Week. For several years it has been a definite part of our organized work, and all our people have taken a decided interest in the campaign. In the four years 1921-1924 wonderful expansion of the missions press extension work has been made, as a direct result of the success of the Big

Week effort, for almost \$600,000 have been invested in the various divisions of the General Conference during this time for land, buildings, equipment, and working capital for the publishing centers already established, and for bringing into existence a number of new and greatly needed institutions. Very little, if any, of this development could be planned for were it not for the Missions Press Fund, to which have been credited receipts from the Big Week efforts.

At the Autumn Council of 1924 the Missions Press Fund was enlarged to include help for schools and dispensaries in mission lands. The financial returns from the Big Week effort will no longer be credited to the Missions Press Fund, therefore, but to the Missions Extension Fund, since publishing, educational, and medical interests in the mission fields are all bound up in the returns from this campaign.

Including calls aggregating \$50,000 for educational and dispensary work, the goal for the three lines of extension work for 1925 has been set at \$135,000. The Extension Fund budget provides for the following distribution of this sum of money:

Field	INTERFESTS			Total of Budget
	Publishing	Educational	Medical	
European Division	\$38,150.00	\$8,000.00	.....	46,150.00
African Division	1,314.90	4,000.00	5,000.00	10,314.90
South Amer. Div.	17,250.00	4,000.00	7,000.00	28,250.00
Southern Asia Div.	10,900.00	4,000.00	5,000.00	19,900.00
Far Eastern Div.	14,394.94	.....	6,000.00	20,394.94
Inter-American Div.	.....	4,000.00	3,000.00	7,000.00
Canada and Foreigners				
in North America	5,325.00	.....	.....	5,325.00
TOTALS	\$87,334.84	24,000.00	26,000.00	137,334.84

Words are inadequate to explain the wonderful impetus this sum of money will give to these branches of our work. We know that such facilities provided for the various divisions, under God's blessing, will contribute very materially to the speedy finishing of the work of God in all the earth. It seems to us that every believer in the advent cause will want to rally to the work with more earnestness than ever, and help to swell the Missions Extension Fund.

Primarily, it is not intended that this fund be raised through the contributions of our people, but rather by their devoting a little time to the sale of literature and applying the profits to the Extension Fund. It is one of the recommendations of the Autumn Council of 1924 "that our lay members be encouraged to devote at least six hours during Big Week to the sale of literature, applying the profits to the Extension Fund." If any one should find it impossible to devote time and effort to the sale of literature during Big Week, it is suggested that an offering be given to the Extension Fund equivalent to at least one day's income or salary. Thus even those who may not find the time to engage in the Big Week effort may share in the good work of building up the Missions Extension Fund.

In the Inter-American Division we are inviting our

people to accept a personal goal of at least \$ 1.00 for the Extension Fund. This is a very small sum for each individual to raise, yet if accepted by every one of the nearly 9,000 believers in Inter-America, a splendid sum would be raised. The goal for the entire division has been set at \$ 7,000. We want to be very sure of reaching this division goal, and as it represents less than \$ 1.00 per member, there ought to be no uncertainty on this point. If every body lifts, we shall surely pass the goal of \$ 7,000 by a good margin.

Conditions in the different parts of Inter-America differ so greatly that the various lines of work are not given attention everywhere at the same time. This makes it impossible this year to have a common date for the Big Week effort in all Inter-America. But full announcement of the date for each Union will be sent out from the union offices, and all will learn of the plans. Regardless of the dates decided upon, the important thing is for every individual to press in for a share in the work and a share in the blessing that

God will bestow upon us as we engage wholeheartedly in the effort in behalf of missions extension work for the three departments—publishing, educational, and medical.



Promotion leaflets, dealing with the Big Week, are being sent out, and the various tract society offices are doubtless calling attention also, in various ways, to the plans for this year's Big Week effort. The Antillian Union, we learn, is planning for the Big Week effort April 18-25. The Caribbean Union Big Week date is May 2-9. The date for the Aztec field will possibly be somewhat later. What a blessing would be realized if full 100% of our people in each of these unions would unite in this important drive! Be sure to read the plans for the effort and how the fund is to be distributed among the three departments in all parts of the world.

Might it not be in order, at this time, to refer to the monthly circulation goals for the Spanish magazine, as set at the 1924 Division Council? The Union goals are: Antillian, 8,000; Aztec, 7,000; and Caribbean, 5,000; total 20,000. With the circulation at present only a little more than 40% of that goal, it is evident that we are not even approaching such a standard. However, we feel certain that the circulation report appearing below is not a true indicator of what can be done. The goal is entirely within reach. Lend a hand, brother, in the effort to increase the number of readers of *El Centinela*.

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

	Subscription	Trade	Educa.	Tracts	Total
Antillian Union	1,849.50	190.00	26.00	27.00	2,092.50
Aztec Union	1,467.00	89.10	1.10	3.25	1,560.45
Caribbean Union	3,996.20	554.10	75.85	27.40	4,653.55
Total, January, 1925	7,312.70	833.20	102.95	57.65	8,306.50
Total, January, 1924	5,308.90	686.15	77.60	32.50	6,105.15
Increases	2,003.80	147.05	25.35	25.15	2,201.35

SALES REPORT, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 1925

Bahamas	69.70	60.10	13.10	....	142.90
Cuba	1,695.50	102.50	1.00	28.50	1,827.50
Dominicana	....	8.85	....	....	8.85
Haiti	5.00	17.75	....	....	22.75
Jamaica	252.50	354.10	26.00	....	632.60
Porto Rico	....	147.05	....	12.10	159.15
Antillian Union	2,021.50	691.55	40.10	40.60	2,793.75
Guatemala	484.00	4.10	....	51.75	539.85
Honduras	913.00	56.50	....	3.25	972.85
Mexico	2,334.00	63.75	1.10	1.00	2,399.85
Salvador	1,197.00	35.05	....	....	1,232.05
Aztec Union	4,928.00	159.50	1.10	56.00	5,144.60
Colombia	3.75	13.00	10.50	17.90	45.15
Guiana	....	....	....	....	....
Leeward Islands	655.50	273.85	....	12.05	941.40
South Caribbean	787.00	114.55	23.00	11.40	935.95
Venezuela	2,325.55	14.45	.75	....	2,340.75
West Caribbean	2,819.30	432.10	54.90	9.10	3,315.40
Caribbean Union	6,591.10	847.95	89.15	50.45	7,578.65
INTER-AMERICA	13,540.60	1,699.00	130.35	147.05	15,517.00
P. P. Branches	9.60	1.00	....	.40	11.00
Other S. D. A.	4.00	....	....	....	4.00
Miscellaneous	....	2.00	....	....	2.00
TOTAL	13,554.20	1,702.00	130.35	147.45	15,534.00
Total, 2 Months, 1924	6,991.40	1,266.45	289.30	98.75	8,645.90
Increase	6,562.80	435.55	158.95	48.70	6,888.10

(Decrease)

"EL CENTINELA" CIRCULATION
FEBRUARY 1925

Cuba	3,718	
Dominicana	300	
Porto Rico	751	
Antillian Union	4,769	
Guatemala	202	
Honduras	180	
Mexico	1,647	
Salvador	231	
Aztec Union	2,260	
Colombia	491	
Venezuela	388	
West Caribbean	220	
Caribbean Union	1,099	
INTER-AMERICA	8,128	
Arizona	30	
California	23	
Central California	39	
Florida	25	
Southern California	236	
South Texas	201	
Miscl. States	47	
United States	603	603
Miscl. Foreign		33
Philippines		29
TOTAL, Feb. 1925—	8,793	
January 1925—		9,877
February 1924—		12,355

ANOTHER GOOD MEETING

Another good meeting closed February 8. This was the 14th session of the West Caribbean conference, and was held at the training school in the Canal Zone. This conference embraces the territory of Nicaragua with 91 members, Costa Rica with 66 members, Panama and the Canal Zone with 677 members, and San Andres and Old Providence with 78 members. The total membership of the 25 churches in the conference is 912. During the last biennial period 155 were baptized; two new churches were organized; and at Represo in the Canal Zone a new church building was erected.

In addition to the training school, where the meeting was held, ten church schools have been in operation; and the outlook for the educational work is very encouraging. All were greatly disappointed to lose Professor and Sister C. J. Boyd, who have done such splendid work in building up the training school; but the places of these faithful workers have been filled by Professor C. L. Stone, who arrived during the conference, and Sister Stone, who expects to join her husband soon. These true and tried workers are heartily welcomed to this field. The school has been blessed further by the experienced help of Brother and Sister Greenidge from Venezuela.

Sister Fred Futchinson, the Sabbath School secretary, reported splendid progress. There are 32 schools with a membership of 1254. Other departments also gave cheering reports of the biennial period closing. Brother Fred Hutchinson's report of the treasury department showed an increase in tithe receipts for the last biennial period over the previous one of \$6,909.89, and in mission offerings of \$1,900.92. The tithe paid per capita in 1922 was \$11.12; in 1923, \$14.22; and in 1924, \$15.88. The per capita offerings to missions in 1922 were \$7.83; in 1923, \$8.91; and in 1924, \$9.35.

These figures show a healthy growth and for this we are very grateful. But in still greater faithfulness in rendering to God His own in tithes and offerings, we shall experience the fulfillment in greater measure of the precious promises of God, both in temporal and in spiritual things. Let us prove Him now herewith, and see if He will not open to us the windows of heaven, and pour out a blessing richer and fuller than ever.

The reports given by laborers from different parts of the field, revealed the working of the Spirit of God on the hearts of the people, opening the way for a short work. It seems very evident that the way is fully prepared for a large work to be done for the Mesquito Indians of Nicaragua.

The hearts of the workers and the people were most responsive to the message for this hour. Every meeting was well attended. The young, as well as the older ones, manifested a deep interest in spiritual things. Two meetings were held daily for the youth, and both were well attended. The afternoon meetings for the youth were attended by practically the entire encampment.

Each day the Spirit of God seemed to come a little closer, performing His office work upon all hearts. It was truly a blessed place to be, as many testified. The real test, however, of the genuineness of every such experience is the fruit that springs from it. We believe that the fruit of this meeting will be good. And if so, we shall see a much larger ingathering of souls in this field henceforth; we shall see the work of God prosper in all its departments; we shall see the peace of God rule in the hearts of believers, and the truth of God illuminate every dark corner of this conference.

E. E. ANDROSS.

How many shall you and I win for Christ during 1925?

BETTER AND HIGHER LIVING

Life is a gift of God. Our bodies have been given us to use in God's service, and He desires that we shall care for and appreciate them. We are possessed of physical as well as mental faculties. Our impulses and passions have their seat in the body, and therefore we must do nothing that would defile this intrusted possession. Our bodies must be kept in the best possible condition physically, and under the most spiritual influences, in order that we may make the best use of our talents. (Read 1 Corinthians 6:13.)

A misuse of the body shortens that period of time which God designs shall be used in His service. By allowing ourselves to form wrong habits, by keeping late hours, by gratifying appetite at the expense of health, we lay the foundation for feebleness. By neglecting to take physical exercise, by overworking mind or

KEEP WELL!

1. Keep a conscience void of offence toward God and man.
2. Live to honor God and to bless humanity.
3. Be regular in your habits.
4. Eat regularly and take no food between meals.
5. Eat slowly and chew food thoroughly.
6. Always wash your hands before eating.
7. Drink water freely between meals.
8. Evacuate bowels thoroughly daily.
9. Stand, sit, and walk erect.
10. Keep your teeth, gums, and tongue clean.
11. Avoid patent medicines.
12. Sleep in fresh air; in the open if you can.

body, we unbalance the nervous system. Those who thus shorten their lives by disregarding nature's laws, are guilty of robbery toward God. We have no right to neglect or misuse the body, the mind, or the strength, which should be used to offer God consecrated service.

All should have an intelligent knowledge of the human frame, that they may keep their bodies in the condition necessary to do the work of the Lord. Those who form habits that weaken the nerve power and lessen the vigor of mind or body, make themselves inefficient for the work God has given them to do. On the other hand, a pure, healthy life is most favorable for the perfection of Christian character and for the development of the powers of mind and body.

The law of temperance must control the life of every Christian. God is to be in all our thoughts; His glory is ever to be kept in view. We must break away from every influence that would captivate our thoughts and lead us from God. We are under sacred obligations to God so to govern our bodies and rule our appetites and passions that they will not lead us away from purity and holiness, or take our minds from the work God requires us to do. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."—*Mrs. E. G. White* in "Counsels on Health," pp. 41, 42.

Let us not forget that the Week of Sacrifice comes April 5-11.

"Indulged appetite is the greatest hindrance to mental improvement and soul sanctification."
—"Testimonies," 9:156.

THE DIVISION OFFICE

In the latter part of January, Pastor C. E. Knight reached the Canal Zone to serve as secretary-treasurer for the Division until permanent arrangements can be made for this office. The division office workers greatly appreciate his willingness to shoulder this burden in addition to the heavy load he was already carrying as secretary-treasurer for both the Caribbean union and the Venezuelan mission. February 19 we were privileged to greet Sister Knight, who came to join him. They will live in the mission home in Balboa.

About the first of March came fresh recruits for our work on the Canal Zone. Brother and Sister R. E. Greenidge, who have been doing excellent work in Venezuela, will fill vacancies in the West Caribbean Training School, while their son enters as a student; and Sister Amelia Correa has come to do much needed Bible work among the Spanish people.

Recent letters from Washington, D. C., bring the sad news of the death of the only child of Pastor and Sister F. M. Wilcox. Pastor Wilcox has been the editor of our good church paper, *The Review and Herald*, for many years; so our readers in this field feel acquainted with him, and will wish to remember Brother and Sister Wilcox in prayer in this hour of their bereavement.

In this issue we are introducing a "Workers' Round Table," which we hope will be helpful to all the readers of the MESSENGER. We invite you to send to the INTER-AMERICAN MESSENGER such questions as you are anxious to see discussed in this section.

A cable just received at the division office assures us that Brother F. L. Harrison, of the Southern Union Conference, expects soon to be with us as secretary-treasurer of the division.

OBITUARY

We regret to announce the death of Sister Ella M. Parker-McKellar, one of the members of the church in Panama City. She was born August 15, 1866. Much of her early life was spent in the vicinity of Milton, Oregon. In 1893 she was married in Walla Walla, Washington, to Mr. McKellar. While the Panama Canal was being constructed, they left the homeland to take up their abode in the republic of Panama. Sister McKellar transferred her membership to the Seventh-day Adventist church in Panama City; and those who knew her best, testify to her faithfulness in all church duties. She died in the American government hospital in Ancon, Canal Zone, Friday, January 16, from malaria fever; and Sabbath afternoon we laid her to rest in the cemetery at Corozal.

She leaves her husband and one son to mourn their loss of a devoted wife and mother. At the morgue and also at the open grave, Pastor E. E. Andross spoke words of comfort and encouragement, pointing the broken hearted loved ones and mourning friends to the blessed hope of the Christian. "I am ready to go," she said to her husband before sinking into a state of coma. We are comforted to believe that our Sister sleeps in Jesus and will come forth in the glad morning of the first resurrection.

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