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GENERAL OUTLOOK

The Antillian Union Mission, with approximately 4,000 believers, is composed of two English, three Spanish, and one French speaking field. More than half of these believers are to be found in the Jamaica Conference, which has been a fruitful field all through the years. There are about one hundred companies and churches scattered over the island; and it would be difficult to find a field anywhere with a more active membership than is to be found in Jamaica. This is as it should be; and we hope soon to see the day when it will be true of every field in our union.

Territorially Cuba is the largest field in our union. It is also the most prosperous from a financial point of view. In Havana, the capital, are the headquarters for the union. There are about 490 church members in Cuba. It is impossible for the small force of laborers to answer all the calls that come; and truly prospects are good for a substantial increase in membership.

Porto Rico is the Spanish speaking field next in size and importance in the Antillian Union. In both these islands the work has gone slowly, possibly because of the lack of laborers with a thorough working knowledge of the Spanish language. This difficulty has been overcome and now we find hundreds turning to God.

Santo Domingo, our youngest and smallest Spanish field, has five churches with an active membership of about 200 believers. Several schools are operated by the mission. The outlook is good for a harvest of souls in this mission.

The Bahama Islands form the second English speaking field in this union. There are about one hundred islands in the group, stretching from near Florida to near the coast of Haiti. It is estimated that there are about 65,000 inhabitants scattered through these is-

ONWARD, STILL ONWARD

From north of the tropic of Cancer,
Spreading south more than five degrees,
The isles of Antillian Union,
Are fanned by the tropical breeze.
Their wooded hills and grassy plains,
Smile out on the wide, briny deep,
That crashes against their coast lines.
Or quietly 'round them sleeps.

Where Bahama lifts her fronded palms
The blood stained banner waves,
For long ago our workers true,
Brought there the message that saves.
And some have turned from worldly gain
To go home to the heav'nly land,
But many still are lost in sin,
Who soon in the judgment must stand.

O'er Cuba's wide rustling cane fields
Has echoed the message most sweet,
And under her palms with their royal fronds
Hundreds now, the story repeat;
For they have found Jesus a Friend
That saves the poor sinner from sin;
But the Lord still calls for workers
Who will help Him others to win.

Haiti, our African neighbor,
With its peaks and its fertile glens,
Has heard the glad news from heaven—
That Jesus is coming again.
But our slender force of workers,
Struggling with the problems there,
Need new recruits to help them now.
Need our earnest, constant prayer.

Jamaica, too, yon isle of crumpled green,
Has heard the story of our Lord's return:
And thousands who love the message there,
Are helping their neighbors to learn.
But bending low beneath their load
Our workers are pleading for men,
That the wheat be quickly gath'ered
Ere the Master shall come again.

Porto Rico, isle of the Stars and Stripes,
Sends forth God's Word in power;
And many a heart has heeded the call
Of His great judgment hour.
But day by day with voice and pen
Our workers toil in prayer,
That many more from her hills and dells
The heavenly home may share.

And into Santo Domingo's stronghold,
Where Spain made early quest,
The army of Prince Emmanuel
Has bravely, strongly pressed,
There a band of earnest workers,
Is gathering the precious grain,
For the Master's heav'nly garner,
When He shall call again.

Yes, the message spreads over the islands,
God's Spirit is giving it speed;
But the hour is very late,
And so the Master pleads:
"No longer delay, my workmen, I pray,
For low is the western sun;
O, hasten the message to those in sin,
Ere the day of work is done!"

lands; but we have only about 150 believers there. It is very difficult to get from place to place in this field, and working conditions are not as favorable as in some other fields, but the Lord has gone out before us, and we must follow. There is promise of solid substantial growth in this field, also.

The French speaking mission in the Antillian Union is Haiti. The population is about three million, and our membership about 800. The Spirit of the Lord is working in Haiti, and scores are coming into the truth. Truly, the harvest is great but the laborers are few.

J. A. LELAND.

EARLY DAYS IN THE ANTILLIAN UNION

In our story of the advent message in the Antillian Union, let us begin with Jamaica. The man with the book sowed the first seed, and it was during a visit in a neat modest home in Jamaica one afternoon in June, 1924, that some of the workers of today learned from Sister Harrison, our first Seventh-day Adventist there, how the message first entered her island home. She was convinced through reading some of our literature that the seventh day is the Sabbath; but she decided to put the Sabbath literature out of her sight, and not to let the question of what day she should keep disturb her. One Sunday in church, however, when the minister read the law and the members responded after the reading of each commandment with, "Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law," conviction seized her heart. She went home and alone with God and His Holy Word, she promised to obey His law.

In 1893 Sister Harrison went to the States and appealed to the General Conference for a minister. Elder A. J. Haysmer responded, going to Jamaica that same year to begin permanent work in this now fruitful field.

Our missionary activities in Porto Rico date back to 1901, when Brother A. M. Fischer from America arrived there. A year later, however, he died;

and again the grave of a pioneer marked the beginning of the struggle in a new field. Sister Fischer, in the hour of sorrow and bereavement, stood loyally at her post and held the fort till reinforcements came in 1903. At that time Brother and Sister Connerly arrived. Later others followed. Shortly after the first recruits came, our first baptism was held.

In 1907 when Brother C. N. Moulton, a native of the West Indies, pioneered the way into Santo Domingo, he found Sabbath keepers there who had become Seventh-day Adventists through reading literature sent them from Porto Rico. In 1918 a mission was established in Santo Domingo City, where it is claimed that Christopher Columbus was buried several centuries ago.

Let us next visit the Haitien republic, where French is spoken almost entirely. Away back in 1879 believers in England sent some papers to "The Black Republic," as Haiti is known. Henry Williams, a Jamaican tailor, and his wife, living in Haiti, read these pages of truth. "For twenty years this elderly couple kept the lamp of faith burning alone." Not until 1905, when Elder W. J. Tanner, our first missionary to Haiti, arrived did we learn of the good accomplished by the papers sent more than a quarter of a century before. Brother Tanner found several groups of believers. One of these believers, Brother Nord Isaac, a school teacher, acted as interpreter for Brother Tanner. He was a successful soul-winner as well as an efficient interpreter, and soon scores were brought into God's marvelous light.

Cuba has also heard the Third Angel's Message. This island, with its principal seaport only about eight hours distant from Key West, Florida, was first entered by two self-supporting medical missionaries, Brother and Sister I. E. Moore. They reached Cuba in 1904. The next year, Brother E. W. Snyder, from Argentine, joined the believers there in response to an appeal for help sent by the church organized in the city of Havana. From that beginning the work has grown; and one secret of this growth lies in the fact that our colporteurs have sold Spanish books throughout the island. One place where these workers went, they found a man who had been observing the Sabbath twelve years and was filled with inexpressible joy over learning of others who kept the same day.

Over in the Bahama Islands, where the colporteurs entered back in the early nineties, a number of believers have been gathered. Several years elapsed before the evangelist came to

water the seed sown by the hands of the faithful colporteurs; but in 1909, when Elder W. A. Sweany and wife arrived, they found two Sabbath keepers. In a few years there was a church with twenty-one members. Other missionaries have labored here through the years.

Other islands not mentioned specifically also answer to roll call in our missionary advance. On the whole, the Antillian Union has been a fruitful field.

TIMELY COUNSEL

Our Sabbath school and Missionary Volunteer departments are onward in the Antillian Union. We are striving to improve in both of these lines of work in all our fields. We find much that ought to be done, and we are pressing forward to get it done just as fast as we can, praying as we go; for we realize that it is only God who can help us in this great work.

Since our general meeting in July, many of the Sabbath schools in Cuba have been using the Sabbath school chart, setting their goals, and striving to reach them. We are glad to notice that the number of those who study

THE FIRST SIX MONTHS

During the first six months of 1925 the Antillian Union drew:

- 1433 Honor Cards with both Seals
- 1316 Honor Cards with Blue Seal
- 535 Honor Cards with Red Seal
- 55 Bible Year Certificates
- 34 Reading Course Certificates,

and gave through her Sabbath schools \$7055.24 to foreign missions

their lessons every day is increasing; for these lessons afford the opportunity of being with Jesus, and by beholding Him we will become more like Him.

All should observe the Morning Watch with Jesus, and get the strength from Him that they need for their work during the day. Then, in the evening, how beautiful it is to surround the table again and partake of the food that Jesus has prepared for us in the form of the lesson of the Sabbath school.

We would also urge every Seventh-day Adventist to become a member of the Sabbath school. If you are isolated, so that you cannot attend a Sabbath school regularly, then join the home department, for there are blessings for you in that capacity. Think of the home department as a Sabbath school in which God and His holy angels join you. If you but stop to think of it thus, you will be overwhelmed with the thought and you will wish to begin your school at once.

Now there is one thing more: If all realize the blessing in giving liberally to the Lord, many would give much more than they do. Often we hear that "we would like to give more, but we are so poor." "The liberal soul shall be made fat." The more we give to the Lord the more He gives to us. If you do not believe this, just try it for one quarter. "God treats us as though we were kings, but we treat Him as though He were a beggar." Let us change our way of giving, and give to Him as though He were a king; for He is. When we do this, we will receive a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it; and then the work will soon be finished. MRS. J. A. LELAND.

BAHAMAS MISSION

Superintendent
Secretary-Treasurer

W. E. Bidwell
O. J. Lawrence

IN THE BAHAMAS

The Bahamas have become a popular place of residence for pleasure seekers; and often this brings into our midst influences that make more difficult the promotion of the gospel. However, our work is making advancement, for in our efforts we are enjoying the hearty support of our churches throughout the islands. This is very encouraging.

Brother G. W. Lawrence has worked hard for three months in Long Island; and a number there have accepted the truth. These new believers are planning to build a church with walls and floor of stone. All this stone must be carried to the site on the back of horses; for there is not a cart or truck on the island. Still they expect to have the church completed by January 1, 1926.

Brother O. J. Lawrence of Virginia is expected to arrive soon to teach our church school here in Nassau, and to take charge of the mission office, thus relieving the superintendent of many of the duties he has carried since coming here.

We are facing the future with hearts full of courage, for we know we can trust the Lord to bless our believers here and give them success in their work. W. E. BIDWELL.

*Far o'er the woes of the world I see
A star through the darkness shine,
Its silvery beams falling bright on me
In this wearisome way of mine.
Cheer up, faint heart, there is joy and peace,
There is life where its rays may fall;
And sin-sick souls find a sweet release
In the light that shines for all.*

—C. M. SNOW.

CUBAN MISSION

Superintendent
Secretary-Treasurer

C. V. Achenbach
Byrd Bullard

THE WORK IN CUBA

It was in February 1905, that a few American Sabbath-keepers met in Havana and organized the first Seventh-day Adventist church in Cuba. The church had eleven members. A formal request was sent to the General Conference for ministerial help; and in response to this appeal, Elder E. W. Snyder and wife were sent to Cuba. They located in Marianao, a suburb of Havana, and began to proclaim the Third Angel's Message. Success attended their efforts; the Havana church increased, and other churches were organized. Since then there has been a steady growth in the work in Cuba; and today we have eight organized churches and nineteen companies with 493 church members scattered throughout the island. Before the end of the year we hope to organize three more churches.

One of the most successful means of building up the cause in Cuba is the colporteur work. A large percentage of our believers received their first introduction to the message through the literature distributed by our faithful colporteurs or by our workers in general. During the last ten years, hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of literature has been placed in the hands of the people here. The seed thus sown will yet bring forth more fruit for the kingdom of God. Just recently the writer had the privilege of baptizing six persons who were the fruit of such efforts.

Interests are springing up in different places; but because of the lack of workers, we are not able to give these interests the attention that they deserve. For the three million people in Cuba we have only sixteen workers, including those in the mission office and those in the school at Bartle.

The most successful way that we have found to attend to all of the interests that are continually urging us forward, is in districting the field and giving each worker a certain territory to look after. This is bringing good results, where the territory is not too large nor the interests too many. Thus far this year we have baptized 66 persons. Others are waiting. So we hope to reach our goal of adding one hundred new members to our list this year.

We hope that the laymembers of our churches and companies will see, more and more, the great necessity of uniting their efforts with those of the workers in a united rally for the speedy

proclamation of the saving message throughout our field. We hope and pray that the day is not far distant when we shall see a far greater awakening among our people throughout the island, and see a far greater work accomplished for the saving of the lost.

Cuba is a country with remarkable resources. The sugar industry brings millions of dollars into the country. Our colporteurs have had remarkable success at certain times in the year when money circulates freely. Our tithes and offerings also have been very encouraging. Our brethren and sisters have been liberal in helping to forward the work of the Lord in all the world. In 1923 Cuba gave \$4,691.16 for missions. In 1924 the amount given for missions was \$6,812.49. The tithe for 1924 was \$13,738.08.

In closing this article, let me call the attention of the reader to the fact that Cuba is becoming very cosmopolitan. Thousands of foreigners are coming to our shores every year. We hope that in some way plans can be laid, so that these people who are seeking better conditions of living, may also be able to find that which will bring satisfaction to their souls. We desire to inaugurate a strong literature campaign, for the purpose of reaching these many thousands with the message of God's love and mercy.

We are sure that, when the triumphant song will be sung on the sea of glass, many from Cuba will unite their voices in praise and thanksgiving for the saving power of the third angel's message.

C. V. ACHENBACH.

COLPORTEUR WORK IN CUBA

Our literature work in Cuba has been greatly prospered during the last five years, in spite of political campaigns, financial crises, and capital and labor troubles. Our band of colporteurs, with few exceptions, has labored faithfully and earnestly to place in the hands of the people the message for this time. The field has been quite thoroughly covered with six of our large subscription books, to say nothing of the many smaller books which have been scattered almost without number.

What has become true in the United States has become true in Cuba: that is, that one can scarcely find a business man or a prominent family who does not possess from one to three of our good books. Time and again colporteurs have told me that individuals have said to them, "I don't know why I should buy this book, as I already have two or three, but I'll take this one too."

Recently while delivering books with Brother Tomas Williams, we took three additional orders for large books from a man who already had three, besides the one we were delivering. This man, well educated, and having a music studio, with a good patronage, said, "I have never read such good books as these. I believe they are inspired. Especially do I like Mrs. White's books." We are keeping in touch with this man and his American wife, and we hope and pray that they will step out and go with us to the heavenly home.

Too much cannot be said of the good influence that *El Centinela* is exerting in Cuba. It is becoming widely circulated, and well known throughout the republic, and is making friends and converts. The prospects for the coming year, when we shall have new books, are very bright and our loyal colporteurs will be ready for the fray.

R. E. STEWART.

COLEGIO ADVENTISTA

For many years Cuba has been working and praying for a school in which to train native workers for service in this needy field. Various efforts have been made to establish such a school, with varying degrees of success, until in the year 1921, when a piece of land was purchased in the province of Oriente near the small town of Bartle. There the enterprise was launched.

Brother C. J. Foster moved on the land as soon as a good house could be erected, and began the clearing and did the building as far as we have been able to build. Sister Foster began the class work, first in the village; and later she, with the help of one of our young Cuban sisters, Piedad Valdivieso, began school on the farm in the new school building that Brother Foster had just erected. Besides the agricultural industries, Brother Foster established a brick factory, where students make and burn bricks to be used in building. He also purchased a broom-making machine, and started that work.

Since then the work of improvement has gone along slowly. We now have about forty acres under cultivation, about twelve head of cattle, including a fine team of oxen for field work, a beautiful apiary of more than sixty colonies, a small printing press, donated to the school, and several farm implements, such as a Fordson tractor, disc plow, a pumping plant, etc.

We are, indeed, thankful for all these blessings, but still our needs are many. The school has no dormitories, no kitchen and no dining room. The man-

ager's house serves as dwelling for the manager's family, as dining room and kitchen for the school, while the girls use the attic as their dormitory. The boys have temporary rooms in the attic of the principal's cottage, and over the school rooms. The school house is a good building about 25 by 50 feet.

We have in the school a band of young people, energetically applying themselves to the task of preparing for a place in the work of the Third Angel's Message; and we have many more young people waiting for the day when there will be room for them, too, in the school.

Already we are seeing some fruits from this tender plant. Some of the youth are beginning to bear responsibilities and to enter active service. One young lady is helping to bear a part of the matron's burdens, two others are assisting as teachers in the lower grades, while two young men spent the summer in missionary work in the employ of the mission.

GEORGE T. VORE.

HAITIEN MISSION

Superintendent
Secretary-Treasurer

W. P. Elliott
M. D. Howard

HAITI

For more than twenty years the message of the soon coming of Jesus has been heard in Haiti; and during these years men and women have listened and believed, and their lives have been transformed by the sanctifying truths of God's Word, until today there are twenty-one churches, five companies, and a number of Sabbath schools not yet organized as churches or companies. The church membership is a little over 800 and the Sabbath school membership is about 950.

Recently we sent forth a call for a workers' and church elders' meeting which gathered together more than fifty men and women who are leading the cause of truth in this republic. Nearly a week was spent in study and prayer with these devoted brothers and sisters, and a spirit of unity and love prevailed which will mean much to the future of the work in this field.

All were courageous and their reports of work being done by the churches were encouraging, indeed. Many were the calls for help, and the needs in a number of places are very great; but we rejoice that fifty-five have been baptized so far this year and there are still in baptismal classes about 150, more than one half of whom will doubt-

less be baptized before the end of the year.

I made a trip through the interior lately and found the hearts of the people ripe for the message. If we place some ministerial help back there, and put forth strong efforts in several places, the work already done by the church members will surely be manifested in a great harvest of souls. It is our plan to conduct at least one or two such efforts there very soon. At Maissade, for example, a good foundation has been laid by the earnest efforts of the isolated church members, and we baptized three persons there during my last visit. This is an important center where people from all the surrounding towns and villages trade. Here we hope to establish a splendid church in the near future.

In Port-au-Prince, the capital, the work moves forward under the consecrated efforts of the local leader, Broth-

GETHSEMANE

Some one must pray while others sleep,
Some one must pass through the waters deep,
Some one must climb up the rugged steep,
Lord, is it I?

Some one must labor, unpraised, unknown,
Some one must journey alone, alone,
Pierced by bramble and bruised by stone,
Lord, is it I?

Some one must give up the things most fair,
Some one the cruellest thorn-crown wear,
Some one the heaviest cross must bear,
Lord, is it I?

Some one will whisper, "Thy will be done,"
Some one true to the course will run,
Some one will stand with the victory won,
Will it be I?

—Eugene Rowell.

er Dorce Dorcinvil, and his faithful co-laborers. There are about forty candidates for baptism there, and each week new ones are added. The church will not hold nearly all the members and candidates, and the situation becomes more embarrassing daily.

At Grande Riviere, too, the church has outgrown its building, and we are obliged to enlarge. This is our oldest church. The members are working well there, and believers are being added right along. And in many other places the work is going forward in like manner.

Our training school located at headquarters, is doing good work, under the blessing of God. We believe this school will soon prove a great force in our work here. The future looks bright.

Our needs are great, and daily obstacles arise to hinder the work; but

thanks be to God, our Father, the banner of truth is going forward daily to certain victory in Haiti.

W. P. ELLIOTT.

A VISIT TO HAITI

On my way to the Autumn Council of the General Conference committee, recently, I spent a week in Haiti. Brethren Leland and Elliott met me in Port-au-Prince. We drove in the mission auto to Cap Haitien, 175 miles to the north. The road is good and the scenery is superb.

On our way north we made brief calls at several points where our native workers are successfully carrying forward their work. Brethren N. N. Isaac and J. Blot, native members of the mission committee, accompanied us. Arriving at the mission headquarters in Cap Haitien, Friday morning, September 18th, we had the pleasure of spending Sabbath and Sunday with the believers in that district. It had been four years since I had enjoyed a similar privilege.

We found all the workers enjoying fairly good health and of splendid courage. Brother M. D. Howard, the secretary-treasurer of the mission, however, has for some time been under a heavy strain in his work. It may be necessary for him to have a change of climate and of work for a time in order to recuperate. If so, his loss to the work in that field will be keenly felt by the churches as well as by the superintendent and other workers. He has been doing strong work throughout the field.

We visited the Haitien Seminary, located in a beautiful spot five miles out of Cap Haitien on the Port-au-Prince road. Since the opening of the school four years ago, Sister Herminie Roth has stood nobly by the work, and is still giving the best she has for the education of our young people of that field. Her long and thorough training has fitted her admirably for such work, and her efforts are greatly appreciated.

Brother and Sister DeCaenel, with their child, arrived from France via New York about one week before our visit. The Haitien Mission extend to these new workers a most hearty welcome. Elder G. G. Roth, the father, arrived in Haiti a few weeks ago after a well-earned furlough in Europe.

The future prospects for our school work in Haiti are very good, indeed. The effort to give the students a practical training in industrial lines has met with the approval of many influential people in the island. Recently while conversing with one of the strongest

men of Haiti—a very popular man in political as well as professional and business circles,—I found him acquainted with this department of our work, and freely spoke in terms of approval of it. However, if we continue to hold the confidence of the public that we have succeeded in gaining, and, above all, if we meet the requirements of the work that is rapidly developing, we must have an experienced school man to take the chief responsibility in this important phase of our work.

Three of the young men from the school are now doing very acceptable work in the field. Others who have spent a short time at the school to add to their efficiency are among the stronger field workers.

A few months ago a determined effort was made by the enemy seriously to injure our work at Cap Haitien with the evident purpose of crippling, if not destroying it, throughout the field; but the Lord brought deliverance and now the work there, as well as in other parts, is more promising than ever. The work is rapidly extending into new districts, and in the older places the number of candidates for baptism is increasing.

As in other fields the difficulties to be encountered are many; but the Spirit of God is most surely moving upon the hearts of the people, and many are responding to His gracious call to prepare to meet their God. Wherever one goes in Haiti, if he shows a friendly spirit, he meets with a most hearty response on the part of the people generally. The one whose heart is touched with the Spirit of God cannot help but love them. Our people in Haiti are united, and are zealously working for others. We expect a rich harvest in that field.

E. E. ANDROSS.

JAMAICA CONFERENCE

President
Secretary-Treasurer

C. E. Wood
J. G. Petty

SACRIFICING WITH GOD

As we study the lives of the pioneers of this message, we are deeply impressed with the spirit of sacrifice with which they were possessed. They had no side line which they pushed in conjunction with the sounding of the message; neither were their interests divided by commercial enterprises. If they swung the scythe or the cradle in the field, it was to earn money with which to sound the message. They practised the most rigid economy in order that they might carry out their purpose, and the fact that the Lord so abundantly blessed their

labors indicates that He is well pleased with self-sacrificing service.

The observations of the writer have led him to believe that the Lord is still willing and pleased to cooperate with such self-sacrificing service. We have witnessed some remarkable developments in connection with the laymen's movement in Jamaica during the past year; and it is evident that every remarkable success has been accompanied by unusual self-sacrifice.

One lay member travelled twenty-four miles each week-end to carry the message to a district where an interest had been aroused, and today we have a church of twenty members at that place.

During the past two months two of our lay members have been walking twenty-one miles to a district where the people were anxious to hear the message, and they found the interest so great that they felt compelled to remain a number of days with them. These men have sacrificed their own interests and work, and have made this long return journey of forty-two miles each week because of their love for the truth, and for the Master, who has commanded, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature;" but their efforts have not been unrewarded, for fifteen are already rejoicing in the truth. These men are poor, and could scarcely afford the time and sacrifice; but the Lord has given them joy and souls for their hire. When we learned about the good work they were doing at such a sacrifice, we were glad to give them a little assistance financially.

The time has come for lay members and conference workers to manifest more and more of this spirit of sacrifice in the service of the Master, and to follow His example by working longer hours. If we are awake, and recognize the signs of the times, we will be impelled to do this, for the time in which we may labor is rapidly becoming shorter. The world's setting sun bids us hasten in our service.

Lay members and conference workers will also be tested by the way in which they relate themselves to the Week of Sacrifice. A careful study of the conference and mission books of the division will reveal the fact that the Week of Sacrifice receipts are far below what they might and should be. Why are not all willing to sacrifice? Do we reason with ourselves that we cannot afford to because our family is so large, and our expenses are so heavy? Let us remember that it is not a sacrifice unless it causes a sacrifice. If those who have no family find that the

giving of one week's salary does not cause a sacrifice, let them give two. If we have the spirit of Christ, we will have the spirit of sacrifice. If we have any other spirit, we are "none of His."

When this spirit of sacrifice dominates the lives of all of God's children, marvelous results will be seen in winning souls for the kingdom. When all is laid upon the altar, there will be no dearth of means, or scarcity of laborers. Shall we not pray that the Lord may endue us with His Spirit?

C. E. WOOD.

WEST INDIAN TRAINING SCHOOL

It is about two months since we arrived in Jamaica to join the teaching staff of the West Indian Training School. From the very first we met a hearty welcome from both teachers and students. Although school was not in session when we arrived, we found quite a number of young people here carrying on the industrial enterprises.

The management is to be congratulated upon the advancement made in establishing and conducting practical industrial lines of work on a basis that furnishes a number of young men a way of meeting a part or all of their expenses while in school, and bids fair to make them a financial asset to the school as well.

The wood-working department is turning out an excellent grade of mahogany furniture, with orders coming in as fast as they can be filled. A more recently established line is the sheet-metal factory. The shop is not fully equipped, as yet, but the workers there are turning out quantities of galvanized iron and tin ware for domestic and commercial uses. For these goods there is also a brisk demand.

The farm, of course, is the largest industry, without which no school is complete. The wide diversity of crops well supplies the most of the needs of the school home, and also produces some for market. About fifty sacks (three tons) of pimento, known as allspice in the States, were produced and marketed during the season just past. Other industries are baking and tailoring.

This report would be incomplete without a word as to the scholarship of the student body in general, as compared with that of others met in our experiences of over twenty years in our home field. We are pleased with the earnestness with which our students here take hold of their work. They show a keen appreciation of the efforts

of their teachers. We believe many of them now in training here will find places of usefulness in the still growing work of the message. Practically all are having a good Christian experience.

F. O. RATHBUN.

THEIR SECRET OF PROGRESS

We are of good courage in Jamaica, and the Lord is doing wonders through the efforts of the faithful lay members who go out to bring others into the fold. Also our workers here are bending every energy for the advancement of the work in every line. Although conditions around us for the past two years have not been as favorable as we should like to have seen, the Lord has shown us that even droughts, excessive rains and storms, can not retard the advancement of His work.

Most of our workers have joined in the Week of Sacrifice this year, and we believe that all will have participated by the end of the year. Some, on account of circumstances over which they have no control, have not contributed yet as they would like, but their hearts are in the work and they will go to the limit in every plan for the carrying forward of this movement. They do not spare themselves in service. In fact, some seem to have gone beyond the limit of their physical strength, yet they continue to push ahead.

Jamaica contains thousands of our publications. Faithful colporteurs have gone from home to home, through rain and sun. It is a common thing for a colporteur to find from one to five of

our books in a home. Yet the people tell them that they will take another if they will bring one different from what they already have.

We have much to be thankful for. There is a spirit of unity here for the finishing of the work. Although false teachers have arisen, yet our workers have gone steadily forward, holding up the standard for the people and the work has steadily advanced. Remember the work here in your prayers.

J. G. PETTEY.

WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Lord has been blessing the work of our Missionary Volunteers here in Jamaica. Of course, the devil has not slackened his efforts to hinder the work, but in spite of this it has gone forward; for there is no defeat with God.

Often there come with the quarterly reports, letters from here and there telling of people who are inquiring after the truth or who have actually accepted it. One secretary told of winning his brother to the truth; another, of the interest near her church that the young people along with the older members of the church were developing; another, of a Sunday School held in a neighboring district with scores of children in attendance; and still another of the society distributing hundreds of papers to the people of the town.

The young people in the Kingston church have been very busy of late with the printed page. The same is true of the Missionary Volunteers in the West Indian Training School.

Recently they bought and mailed to parents of non-Adventist students and others, 1200 copies of the *Present Truth*; and this they did in addition to the *Signs of the Times* they distribute weekly to the people of Mandeville, the neighboring village. This gives an idea of what, in our humble way, we are trying to do.

The educational phase of our young people's work is also growing, though not as fast as we wish it were. However, our conference drew 41 Reading Course certificates in 1924. A good many took the Standard of Attainment examination in June; and some who took it in one subject then are planning to take it in the other in December. Aside from this we have drawn fifty-five this year.

Knowing that God has called the youth to be "His helping hand" in the finishing of the work, it is our determination here in Jamaica to take hold of the work that He has given us to do, that we with the rest of the young people all over the world may rejoice together when the work is finished.

P. J. BAILEY.

OUR SABBATH SCHOOLS

It may be of interest to the MESSENGER readers to know something more definite about the Sabbath schools in Jamaica.

We have 77 schools in Jamaica and two in the island of Grand Cayman, making 79. Our membership is around 3,000. We have 83 local home department members and 40 conference home department members. 105 names are enrolled in the teachers' training course. Total offerings for missions for year ending June 30, 1925 were \$3,770.13.

While our money offerings do not show as large an amount as other fields, where wages are higher and more money is in circulation, the Lord knows the sacrifices made to bring these offerings and His reward will be given accordingly. It is not what is given, but what we have left after giving that counts in God's sight.

I am glad to say there is a growing desire in Jamaica to follow the daily study plan and also to attain to the perfect attendance goal. Eternity alone will reveal the impressions for good on the minds and hearts of the little ones, when, at the morning or evening worship all gather to study the Sabbath school lesson. We all know that when lessons are well learned, every child, and grown person, too, will be anxious to attend the Sabbath school and be there on time.

MRS. H. A. HURDON.

COLPORTEUR SALES REPORT, JULY AND AUGUST

	Colporteurs	Hours	Orders	Value	Total Sales *
Bahamas	..	....	....	....	....
Cuba	13	1,931	1,453	7,520.70	7,998.30
Haiti	..	....	....	....	....
Jamaica	12	602	257	1,913.77	1,913.77
Porto Rico	10	1,290	431	2,319.95	2,671.60
Santo Domingo	5	212	27	185.90	185.90
<i>Antillian Union Totals</i>	40	4,035	2,168	11,940.32	12,769.57
Guatemala	7	1,469	700	2,776.80	2,776.80
Honduras	7	947	637	1,155.30	1,354.05
Mexico	41	8,331	2,599	8,141.76	8,141.76
Salvador	3	137	128	480.50	480.50
<i>Astec Union Totals</i>	58	10,884	4,064	12,554.36	12,753.11
Colombia	1	....	....	810.00	810.00
Guiana	..	....	....	....	....
Leeward Islands	10	1,875	124	739.64	771.89
South Caribbean	6	952	152	1,316.74	1,316.74
Venezuela	8	1,056	481	2,624.10	2,624.10
West Caribbean	..	....	....	1,776.14	1,776.14
<i>Caribbean Union Totals</i>	25	3,883	757	7,266.62	7,298.87
DIVISION TOTALS	123	18,802	6,989	31,761.30	32,821.55

* Total sales include magazine sales, \$1,060.25

F. L. Harrison, Secretary.

PORTO RICAN MISSION

Superintendent
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"A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM"

Margarita Velez is only fourteen years of age; she lives in the country, and her father is a farmer. Nominally, her family profess the Presbyterian creed. One uncle is a Presbyterian minister.

When our worker, Brother Bracero, organized a little Sabbath school in the district where Margarita lives, he invited her to attend; but she said she would not go to an Adventist Sabbath school, as she was a Presbyterian.

Margarita goes to school in the neighbouring town, where our worker lives. It so happened that a close friendship sprang up between Margarita and Brother Bracero's little daughter, who is a consecrated little missionary. At times, Margarita would visit Brother Bracero's family. One night a heavy rainstorm prevented her from returning home; and she was compelled to stay in our worker's home over night. Thus she had opportunity to attend the seasons of family worship. A desire to know the Bible was awakened in her heart, and Brother Bracero made arrangements to give her a short Bible study, daily, after the school lunch hour. The seed fell on good ground. Margarita began to pray; and although ridiculed by her parents at first, she continued the practice and won her little sisters to the same blessed habit.

As yet she had not had any study on the coming of Christ, nor did she know anything about it. But one night she dreamed very vividly of His coming in glorious clouds. People were hurrying excitedly in all directions when one voice very distinctly cried: "Let's go to the house of the Adventist minister, for there we shall find salvation." For a long time Margarita kept the dream to herself, but was now more eager than ever to continue her studies of the Adventist faith.

At this time she read "Por Sendas Extraviadas," ("The Marked Bible"). After reading it, she lent it to her uncle, a young man who lived an irreligious and profane life. He read it. As he returned it to Margarita, she asked him: "Uncle, what do you think of the book?"

"I am convinced it has the truth in it, and I am an Adventist," replied the young man.

"You truly mean it?" asked Margarita, surprised.

"Yes," he replied, "now I am an Adventist at heart, but soon I shall be an Adventist, publicly."

When, a few weeks ago, we were led to pitch our tent in that district, this young man immediately identified himself with us. In the meantime, Margarita and he have been doing missionary work among their own friends and relatives.

As a result of their example and testimony, the following members of Margarita's family are now preparing for baptism: three uncles, two aunts, one cousin, and two sisters,—nine in all, including Margarita, herself. Others of the family are following a little slower.

Margarita plans to be a missionary in the cause, and so does her uncle, the young man mentioned above. Both plan to attend our Aibonito school as soon as it opens. H. E. BAASCH.

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OPENING WORK IN NEW PLACES

In company with the native layman, who was partly responsible for beginning work in Cupe Alto two years ago, where our work is now firmly established, I made a tour on horseback recently over the thickly populated district known as Cupe Bajo. We find this new field easy of access, having good roads and other facilities. The hearts of the people, too, seem very responsive to the gospel invitation; so we hope for a large and successful work in soul winning.

The people in this particular suburb apparently have had little instruction in things religious. One man said to us on our first visit:

"We need someone to teach us about God. I am so glad you have come to read the good Book to us."

This man, of whom I speak, has been most attentive to the message, and has welcomed us most heartily on each successive visit. The last Sabbath we were there, after reading an account of Christ healing the sick and raising the dead, I remarked how appreciative we should be for His boundless love manifested toward us in His sacrifice on Calvary. "Jesus has done so much for us," the man added. "He died for the sins of all the world, even ours, and I have been such a great sinner."

I then referred him to the parable of the pharisee and the publican, conveying the thought that God accepts a sincere confession of our sinfulness, and justifies the penitent one. When we were leaving, he said:

"Come back soon. You will always be welcome here, and when I am away,

my family will receive you gladly."

Never have I seen one so fit for the kingdom, and so earnest a seeker after God. The spirit of prophecy well says: "All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in." *"Desire of Ages," p. 109.*

After five weeks' visiting this new district, we have fourteen families interested with whom we are studying each week.

Beyond is a great field as yet unexplored. How quickly this country could be evangelized if the church would arouse and bear the torch of truth on high! What triumphant joy would burst forth from hundreds of sad and burdened hearts if they could listen to the refreshing news of salvation!

We earnestly pray that God will prepare us, and endue us with His Holy Spirit to finish the work speedily.

F. E. WILSON.

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SANTO DOMINGO MISSION

Superintendent

William Steele

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SANTO DOMINGO

Our work is well accepted in the Dominican Republic. This is especially true of the school work. Realizing that a Christian education will make our youth better men and women, better citizens, stronger Christians, and more efficient workmen in God's cause, we have been educating young men and women for this great work.

We now have six schools with seven teachers, but we plan to increase the number of schools as soon as possible. To this end we keep a summer school during the vacation, where we train the most promising youth for teaching. We give them instruction in the best and most modern methods of teaching. This year we had twenty young people in such a school.

Our first and greatest need is that of a school where the scores of young men and women who accept the truth may be educated to carry the precious news of salvation, not only to the inhabitants of our Dominican Mission, but also to many more needy fields where Spanish is spoken.

Surely the Lord has blessed His work in our field, for which we are very thankful. May God hasten the day when we may all meet in His presence and glory!

WILLIAM STEELE.

SELF DENIAL WEEK

"Gather My saints together unto Me; those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice." Ps. 50:5. When the blessed Master comes to gather His own this is the order that He will give to His angels. The Christian life is one of sacrifice. Saint Paul says that the "living sacrifice" is "our reasonable service." Rom. 12:1, 2. There is to be a nonconformity to the world, and a transformation in the individual life of the Christian. And this transformation is to be a progressive work. We are to be "transformed by the renewing of the mind."

We are not to deplore the increased calls for fuller consecration of our means either. It required "all that he had" to buy the field that contained the hidden treasure. The spirit of prophecy tells us: "The light of the Gospel shining from the cross of Christ rebukes selfishness, and encourages liberality and benevolence. It should not be a lamented fact that there are increasing calls to give. God in His providence is calling His people out from their limited sphere of action, to enter upon greater enterprises. Unlimited effort is demanded at this time when moral darkness is covering the world. Many of God's people are in danger of being ensnared by worldliness and covetousness. They should understand that it is His mercy that multiplies the demands for their means. Objects that call benevolence into action must be placed before them, or they cannot pattern after the character of the great Exemplar." "Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 254, 255.

The Week of Sacrifice was called into being because of great need in the mission fields. It is being continued because of the great need of such an institution among God's people. Its observance calls for the exercise of the best qualities of our natures, qualities that are too often allowed to lie dormant. God is developing a perfect people and the Week of Sacrifice is one of the means He is using to complete the work.

At first it was thought best to ask only the conference and mission workers to take part in this work of giving a week's salary to the cause of God as a special offering. But the lay members asked to be permitted to partake. Rich blessings came to all, and so it was decided to continue the plan to ask all to participate. It will mean real sacrifice to many. Some will be obliged to plan for weeks in order to be able to meet the demands of this Week of Sacrifice. But those who observe it will surely be rewarded by our Heavenly Father. Then shall we not all, lay members and workers together, unite in making this the best Week of Sacrifice ever observed in the Antillian Union?
J. A. LELAND.

SANTA CLARA PROVINCE

The message is entering new places in this part of Cuba. We have nine organized companies and Sabbath schools besides the isolated believers who must be visited. There are many villages and cities, where we have no believers, that must hear the message. Our faithful paper workers and colporteurs visit new places selling our papers and books, also giving away tracts by which means the truth is scattered; and these efforts must be followed up.

Cienfuegos, a city of 98,000, has been calling for a worker for some time. Then we have other places with from eight to twelve thousand inhabitants, besides hundreds of villages and colonies, that need to be warned. During the past year we have baptized about fifteen persons in this territory and a goodly number of others are preparing for baptism. Truly, the harvest is great and the workers few; "pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

C. J. FOSTER.

THE SCHOOL HARVEST

The seventh year of the West Indian Training School opened August 18 under very favorable circumstances. Others soon joined the sixty-three young people who were present at the opening. We were glad to welcome all these young people, as well as Professor and Mrs. F. O. Rathbun, who recently came from the Pacific Union College to join our faculty. All have entered wholeheartedly into the work of the school, and are determined to make this term decidedly successful.

After six years, a retrospective glance reveals that there are now twenty-two of our students in active service for the Master. Fourteen of these are graduates and eight undergraduates. Nine are employed by the Jamaica Conference, ten by the West Indian Training School and three by the Honduras Mission. Of the other eight graduates seven are continuing their education and one is doing self-supporting work in Cuba. Two of those continuing their education are at Pacific Union College and Loma Linda, respectively, with a doctor's and nurse's profession in view.

Our hearts are cheered as the young people come in and prove themselves capable of bearing responsibilities, and of winning souls for Christ. Our eyes are on the fields, white, ready to harvest, and it is our desire to see an ever increasing number prepared to labor in them.

W. H. WINELAND.

Antillian Union Membership Standing
Second Quarter, 1925

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Bahama	✓	..
Cuba	54	5	49	..
Haiti	25	1	24	..
Jamaica	74	19	55	..
Porto Rico	..	7	..	7
Santo Domingo	1	15	..	14
Total	154	47	128	21
	47		21	
Net Gain	107		107	

	1924	1925
Tithe	\$10,588.22	2.98*
Offer'gs	\$9,147.98	1.43* 2.17*

The mission offerings are 86.4 per cent of the tithe paid in for the second quarter.

* Per capita

F. L. HARRISON.

WEDDING BELLS

Tuesday evening, October 20, a simple, but very pretty wedding took place in Cristobal. Mr. Cooper, manager of the All America Cables, and his wife very generously offered their home for the occasion, and contributed in every other way possible—as did also our workers in Cristobal,—to make the evening one of those delightful events that remain fragrant with pleasant memories.

Lohengrin's wedding march, played by Sister E. R. Johnson, ushered in the bridal party. The young couple stood under a bower of beautiful green that smiled with small pink blossoms while Elder E. R. Johnson performed the marriage ceremony and introduced to the guests Mr. and Mrs. James Arthur Leland, Jr.

Brother Leland, son of Elder and Mrs. J. A. Leland, in charge of the Antillian Union, graduated from Washington Missionary College last spring, and came at once to the Zone in answer to a call to serve as assistant manager of the Pacific Press Branch; while Sister Leland, formerly Miss Rosamond K. Cooper, completed her nurse's course in September.

We welcome these young people to this needy field, and wish them the choicest blessings of heaven in their services for the Master.

LEST WE FORGET

When this issue of the INTER-AMERICAN MESSENGER reaches you, the time for our Week of Sacrifice will not be far in the future. Last month there appeared in this paper articles featuring the Week of Sacrifice. We desire that all our believers, who have not already taken part in the Week of Sacrifice this year, do so during Thanksgiving week, which is the last week in November.

While it may mean sacrifice for some to do this, let us remember that our work from its very beginning has gone forward by the sacrifice of our pioneers and others who have followed their worthy example—such sacrifice as many of us have not had to experience.

If all of our believers will rally, and give at least a week's wages, or the equivalent, it will mean a great deal to the advancement of the work throughout the Inter-American Division.

May God bless you as you endeavor to do your part to advance His cause.

F. L. HARRISON.

Friday, October 23, we had the pleasure of greeting Brother and Sister A. V. Larson, who have come from the United States to reinforce the ranks of the West Caribbean Conference. Our prayers crave for these young people, good health, happiness, and success in their work.

OBITUARIES

Myrtila Moulton, eldest daughter of Elder C. N. Moulton was born in Arecibo, Porto Rico, August 30, 1905, and died in San Pedro de Macoris, Santo Domingo, August 22, 1925.

She was baptized by the writer in Ponce, Porto Rico, in 1916. It was her constant desire to be a worker in the cause she loved; and she spent two years in the Aibonito school in preparation; but the school was closed before she finished her studies.

She always carried responsibilities in the church, the Sabbath school, and the young people's work, doing what she could to advance the Lord's work. It was a disappointment to her to give up her plans and desires to labor for Christ and rest till His coming, but she went to sleep in full confidence that the Lord's way is best.

Brother and Sister Moulton have the sympathy of all the believers in their sad bereavement, but they grieve not as those who have no hope.

WILLIAM STEELE.

September 9, Sister Luise Adelaide Crichlow, aged 43, after an illness of several months, died in the Ancon hospital. On the following morning she was laid to rest in Mount Hope cemetery to await the call of the Lifegiver at the first resurrection.

About fourteen years ago Sister Crichlow accepted the Third Angel's Message, and since that time she has been a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist church on the Isthmus of Panama. Her husband and one daughter are left to mourn their loss. The funeral service was conducted by Brother H. C. Kephart and the writer.

W. R. POHLE.

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