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THE END IS NEAR

So often we hear the statement, "the end is approaching," "the coming of the Lord draweth nigh," or some other form of expression that is intended to convey the conviction of the speaker that probationary time is rapidly drawing to a close,—that Jesus is soon to appear.

Have we heard such statements so often that they have ceased to stir our hearts as formerly? or have the events that were given to serve as signs of the approach of that great day become so commonplace that to us they no longer serve the purpose for which they were intended? Is their power to move our hearts deeply waning? These are questions that are well worth our consideration.

Next to the revelation of the incomparable love of God as manifested in the gift of His Son to bring salvation within our reach, stands the glorious truth of the second coming of our Lord, to raise the righteous dead, to change the righteous living, and to extend to all the blood-washed through an abundant entrance into His everlasting kingdom. These are the two great fundamental, outstanding, heart-thrilling truths of the glorious gospel of the Son of God.

After six hours of terrible suffering on the cross of Calvary, Jesus cried out, "It is finished: and He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost." His work on earth for sinful men was ended. All had been done that was possible for the Deity to accomplish in making certain the ultimate and eternal salvation of sinful, rebellious, but penitent man. After having burst the fetters of the tomb, Jesus, accompanied by a host that He had rescued from the prison house of Satan, as trophies of His grace, ascended to His Father in triumph.

Then the incarnate Son of the ever-living God was exalted to the right hand of power. "Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come." There He began

His work as man's Intercessor and Advocate before the Father in the heavenly temple. Possessing such power and authority, "He is able to save to the uttermost them that draw near unto God through Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." Eph. 1: 21; Heb. 7: 25.

Just as on earth the Saviour's work drew near to its close and finally ended in His sacrificial death on the cross, and His ascension to heaven, so now

"Are you doing the work that God has given you to do? Is the love of Christ abiding in your hearts; softening and subduing your words? Do you seek for the Holy Spirit's power, humbling yourselves before God? Have you surrendered yourselves to Him for purification and sanctification? Do you pray earnestly for the heavenly power that alone can quell the quick-rising anger, and check the hasty words? Have you put away all self-seeking? Are you doing your work faithfully? Are you drawing with all your might for Christ? Do you give such evidence that you are working with Christ that no one can justly question the worth of your labor?"—Mrs. E. G. White.

His work in our behalf in heaven is drawing near its close, and is soon to be ended. Then—upon the authority of the infallible Word of God—He will return to earth for His waiting people.

In 1844, in exact fulfillment of the prophetic Word, our great High Priest and Saviour passed through the veil of the heavenly temple, and in the presence of His Father began His last work for penitent man. On the 22nd day of October, 1925, eighty-one years had passed since the investigative judgment

work was begun, and soon it will be finished. "This generation," said the Saviour, "shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away." Luke 21: 32, 33.

As I review this blessed truth, and ponder the words of our Redeemer, my heart burns within me with joy at the thought that the One who loved me and gave Himself for me will soon, yes VERY SOON, return to receive unto Himself all those who love His appearing, and that if I am true to my baptismal vows, I shall be in that company.

Each year, each month, each week, yea, each day that passes brings us nearer and still nearer to that supremely happy moment, when sorrow and suffering shall give place to unutterable and eternal joy, and when the reign of death shall be succeeded by life that will measure with the life of God,—a life that will be crowned with fadeless, ineffable glory.

This is no fanciful theory but an eternal fact. Just as the river in its ceaseless flow never reverses its current, but with resistless energy bears all floating bodies on toward the sea, just as time bears us irresistibly and inevitably onward toward eternity, so with absolute certainty we are daily being borne forward toward that great decisive day. Are we ready for its issues? Are we doing all in our power to prepare others for the decision that must fix their eternal destiny?

As we pass down the stream of time, we observe on either shore the signs given by our Saviour to indicate clearly our relative position on our journey toward the kingdom. Daily these signs are becoming more and more distinct, and more numerous, so that it is impossible for us to be mistaken as to their meaning. They speak with un-failing accuracy of the approaching end.

We now know that the day of deliverance is truly drawing nigh. Only a little longer will we be compelled to wait for the return of the One for whose coming we have so long waited. Let each repetition of this joyful an-

nouncement thrill our hearts still more deeply, and awaken us to most thorough preparation for active and efficient service, and at His coming to stand before the Son of Man.

E. E. ANDROSS.

WORKERS OR SHIRKERS— WHICH?

Through the blessing of God the Harvest Ingathering campaign has become an important factor in the work of the Third Angel's Message. It not only brings into the mission treasury each year more than three-quarters of a million dollars, but it takes to thousands of homes a knowledge of the Sabbath truth and its progress in the world-wide field. It brings our believers into personal touch with thousands of people whom they otherwise would not meet, and the literature placed in the homes and the personal contact with our workers have in many instances resulted in bringing people into the truth.

Still another important consideration is the effect of the campaign upon the churches of our own denomination. During the campaign there is set before the believers in all our churches, and before our isolated believers as well, a definite, well-defined line of missionary work which can be undertaken by both old and young, and which brings definite results. Those who join in the campaign with heart and soul find their hearts warmed with the love of God and have the satisfaction of knowing they have done their part to make the campaign a success. Even though the amount of money gathered may not be large, yet many small amounts when brought together from all the believers make a large sum which can do much in the mission field.

It has been said that in every church there are two classes of people, the workers and the shirkers. The workers cooperate in every good work for the building up of the kingdom of God. They are active in the various lines of church work. They are the ones upon whose work God places a blessing.

The shirkers, though many of them have good intentions, for some excuse or another do not become workers. Small difficulties are allowed to hinder the shirker from doing what he realizes deep down in his heart he ought to do. He is unhappy and dissatisfied with himself and with the barrenness of his spiritual life, which he realizes comes from failure to place himself in the channel of God's blessing. He knows God cannot bless his work for he has

failed to do anything. He does not desire to be a shirker, but he knows he is one through allowing Satan to magnify difficulties.

Statistics which have been gathered indicate that about one-half of our church members do nothing in the Harvest Ingathering work. If everyone of these would this year resolve to be a worker and not a shirker, what a different story could be written of our Harvest Ingathering campaign!

Thousands and thousands of dollars would come into our mission treasury to meet the needs in the regions beyond which otherwise will be unavailable for our work; thousands of homes would be visited with the message of truth which otherwise will not; and thousands of Seventh-day Adventists would share the blessing of God which they otherwise will not.

What a three-fold responsibility rests upon those who fail to engage in this work! Shall we not this year enlist the endeavor of every believer and allow no one to feel that there is nothing to do? Everyone can do something, and we may be certain God will bless every attempt to work for Him.

H. H. COBBAN.

ANTILLIAN UNION MISSION

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BAHAMAS MISSION

The Bahamas Mission contains more than 160 islands, many of which are not inhabited. The climate is warm, ranging from a little below 60 degrees to 96 degrees. At times it is very trying, especially to those who go to the out islands where it is difficult to obtain proper food. All traveling on the islands, aside from Nassau, has to be done on horse-back or afoot over the rocks. There are no roads, only rough bridle paths.

The people are of mixed races. The colored race predominates. In the out islands many have had a very limited chance for education, but where they have had school privileges, many are very intelligent and they make fine, loyal Seventh-day Adventists when thoroughly converted and instructed.

Brother Lawrence, who has been laboring in Long Island, had ground donated on which to build a church. In Nassau, a city of twelve thousand, we have a nice airy church with school room below. There are people of talent in this church and they are faithful in their tithes and offerings.

We need several more strong young workers who will come to this mission, expecting to meet with many inconveniences; we need young people who have a burden for saving souls; we need young people who when trials come, will not look off across the sea, wishing they were back in America, but will thank God that He has deemed them worthy to sacrifice for Him.

W. E. BIDWELL.

A FAITHFUL CANVASSER

Agostin Borrero comes from one of the poorest towns on the island. His educational advantages have been limited. His health is none too good, on account of bad teeth; but he carries heavy responsibilities. Besides his wife, he has a paralyzed father and an old blind mother depending on him. And at times he has to sustain his younger brother and wife.

How does he do it? Through selling books containing the Lord's message. He does not canvass very much among the rich, neither very much in the towns. He has preference for country territory which he has worked several times now. It is considered the poorest in all the island; part of it is widely scattered and lies in a very desolate and secluded part of the Porto Rico mountains. There he walks long distances before he chances across a house, and the same long distances, of course, at the time of the delivery, carrying under his arm, up the mountains and down the dales, the precious seed of salvation. Somehow the Lord gives him endurance.

Although the territory is wild, scattered, and poor; and although many claims are made upon Agostin's earnings, the Lord has always given him sufficient for his needs.

When on Sabbath he and his little wife come to the chapel neatly dressed, the village folks say, "That young man is rich, he makes plenty of money." This is not true, though. He makes very little in reality, and every cent is earned by the sweat of his brow. But he is rich, in that he has found the secret of joy in the service of Jesus; and he has learned to trust the Lord for his daily bread, to keep him and his dear ones.

Agostin is perfectly happy and contented in the work that he is doing and enjoys re-working the same territory from year to year. He told Brother Odom, the field secretary, that in order to work it properly, as he wished to do, it would take him six years. Think of it! Six years! Territory in only

one part of little Porto Rico, and the poorest part, at that. Truly, some have a larger vision than others, have they not?

May God give to all of us the vision of this faithful plodder in the Master's vineyard; then we shall find that even "the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose," and barren, unpromising lands shall be converted into hopeful and inspiring fields. H. E. BAASCH.

WHO WILL HELP?

We are a year closer to the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ; and when we lift up our eyes to view the field, we see that it is ready for the harvest. Here in Santiago de Cuba, a city of 80,000 inhabitants with only two workers for the mission, it seems impossible to spread the message among all in such a short time. We need more workers to help us carry the gospel to these people. There are many who are interested in the third angel's message; there are those who desire to know the Saviour of the world before the time of probation shall close, but without aid it seems that we cannot reach them.

"Hark! the voice of Jesus calling,
 'Who will go and work today?
 Fields are white, the harvest waiting,
 Who will bear the sheaves away?'
 Loud and long the Master calleth,
 Rich rewards He offers free;
 Who will answer gladly saying,
 'Here am I, O Lord, send me?'"

MRS. E. A. BAISDEN.

HOW DO YOU SHARE WITH GOD?

When the writer was a young lad in his native village in Canada, he used to delight in going fishing with the village blacksmith, who owned a large fishing net, and who nearly always was successful in catching fish. This blacksmith was very free-hearted; and it was always an interesting time when we came to a certain maple tree where we parted to go to our respective homes. Under this tree the fish usually were divided.

This honest old man is now dead; but in memory I can see him still sorting those fish. After he had divided them as evenly as possible, he would take two or three of the largest in his pile and throw them over with mine, and then hastily gather his up, and be gone before I could remonstrate.

The reason I am referring to this experience of the past is to bring your minds to the place where I can ask the question, "How do we divide the fish with the Lord? How do we di-

vide the yams, the cocoanuts, the bananas, and the other products of our trees and cultivations? Are we as honest as the old blacksmith, who made sure that the other partner received the larger share? or do we just throw one fish to the Lord, and expect Him to be satisfied with that? Perhaps some of us forget to make the division at all. Let us remember that He expects us to make a definite division.

For this reason we have asked the churches in Jamaica to appoint a certain day in the last week of each month as the definite time when each member of the remnant church shall make the proper division with the Lord. A number of churches are already following the plan. It will bring a blessing to God's people. It will enable the Lord, with the cooperation of His people, to accomplish a "short work" in the finishing of the gospel proclamation.

C. E. WOOD.

FOLLOWING THE ANGEL HELPER

Soon after Brother E. W. Snyder, one of our pioneer missionaries to Cuba, began his work here, my friend, Pedro Cruz, accepted the truth. And as Andrew sought his brother so he sought me, and told me about the powerful and strange truth that the new missionary related. We went to him, and in the first study I was convinced of a part of the truth. Our studies continued. The truths grew more beautiful as we scrutinized them together; and in May, 1907, we, the two first Adventists in Cuba, were baptized in the Marianao River.

At first in my joy over my new-found hope, I thought all Cuba would be convinced and accept such clear and exact truths. Then in my bitter disappointment over seeing so many reject the message, I said to Brother Cruz that I feared he and I would be the only Adventists in Cuba; but that we would remain steadfast unto the end, come what may.

But God has blessed the work in Cuba marvelously. He has given me many rich experiences, for which I praise His name. On one occasion, for instance, while I was canvassing for "The Coming King," I visited an isolated cottage. As I neared the house, I overheard the wife say to the husband: "That man who is coming there is the very one I saw in my dream last night bringing a book to show us." (She had already related her dream to her husband.)

Later I was reminded in a similar way of how the angel of the Lord goes

before the colporteur to prepare the hearts of people to purchase the truth-filled books he brings to their homes. And today many in Cuba are rejoicing with us in this precious truth, and are looking for the soon return of our blessed Master. M. AVILA.

OUR KINGSTON BELIEVERS

In the city of Kingston, Jamaica, a city of seventy-five or eighty thousand inhabitants, and a seaport having one of the finest natural harbors in the world, we have two large churches. The older has about 600 members; and the new church, organized in another part of the city about a year ago, has a membership of nearly 100.

We are all of good courage; and with God's help we are pressing on, realizing that the end is near and that the work must be finished quickly.

W. J. HURDON.

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EXPERIENCES IN THE BOOK WORK

At our Bookmen's Convention held in Mexico City with representatives from the different missions in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and Salvador, we listened time and again to experiences told of the good results being seen from the literature scattered in years past. Mention was made often of the *Señales de los Tiempos* edited for years by Elder G. W. Caviness.

Brother W. Mayers remembered how Brother J. A. P. Green, recently appointed publishing secretary for our division, used to tell him that then they always had to stop at hotels; but soon they would be able to stay with brethren in their homes when going from place to place, selling our books. And even so it is today in many places where God has raised up witnesses to His truth.

Although many in this country cannot read, churches are raised up as a result of a book or paper falling into the hands of one who would read aloud to others. A former soldier is now leader of a very large and faithful group of Indians brought into the truth by this method. I suppose that is why the book of Revelation promises a blessing not only to those that read it, but to those who *hear* it read.

Two of our workers in a certain

city were mistaken for doctors sent to vaccinate everybody. The children feared them and would hide; so the parents wanted nothing to do with these men nor their books. At one home when the book, "Our Day," was presented, our colporteur was harshly accused of being an apostate Catholic.

They threatened to destroy his prospectus. Then they commanded him to bow down before an altar erected in the home, and confess. The brother explained he was not what they thought he was and could not bow down to an image. Then they said he must honor the virgin or they would tie him to the tail of a horse and pull him through the streets of the city. Not without difficulty but with the help of the Lord he escaped from them.

His companion visited a home and was met at the door by the man with a revolver in hand, and was accused also of being an apostate Catholic and creating trouble. He also explained the mistake, and asked permission to show his book and the names of some subscribers. Then apologizing gracefully for the mistake and rude reception given the colporteur, the man signed up for a book.

A young man in the national army visited our school here a few years ago. The principal in welcoming him said, "I hope some day you will be a soldier of Christ." These words impressed him deeply. Later this young man, whose mother is a faithful believer in Vera Cruz, decided to give up his military career for Christ. He came to our school and later went out to sell our books. He is doing good work, and we believe he will be a valuable worker in the near future.

Let us all work and pray and distribute more literature in whatever form and by whatever means most convenient to each of us.

H. BIRBECK ROBINSON.

WE NEED HELP

Here in Salvador we are facing a number of very urgent calls. I do not know yet how we shall meet them with our shrunken force of laborers. You know the instruction in the Spirit of Prophecy that it is not wise to start an effort and then leave the people to struggle alone before they are fully established. And here it surely applies with added force. However, *these calls must be filled.*

Brethren, we need someone at the La Loma school—a native—to follow up the medical work. Nearly five hundred sick were treated by Brother Cly-

mer in one month, and just Monday he had treated sixty-two. Literally hundreds of people are becoming interested; the whole countryside is waking up and is astir. Are we going to let these people go hungry for the Bread of Life? Brother Clymer cannot at present do this follow-up work. What can we do? I believe that God will provide a way. Surely there will be a harvest of souls in that countryside.

The president of Salvador is acquainted with our work at La Loma and says he is going to visit the school soon. However, the enemy is also at work to disrupt and stop what we are doing. Pray that God will give us success.

The government sees the benefits of such a work and is already trying to imitate it only a league away. The President attended the Fourth of July celebration given a few nights past by the American Colony here. My wife and I met him, and had a brief conversation with him. I shall likely call on him in a few days to have a talk about our medical and school work in which he is interested. E. P. HOWARD.

ECHOES FROM TEHUANTEPEC MISSION

Brother O. C. Barrett and family have moved from their Indian station at Acayucan to the mission headquarters in Orizaba, where Brother Barrett has taken up the work of secretary and treasurer as well as secretary of the Sabbath school and young people's departments for the Tehuantepec Mission. Brother and Sister Barrett's long experience in this mission will make them valuable workers in these departments.

Our hearts were gladdened a few days ago by the receipt of two letters containing special donations to be used to supply a teacher for the Indian school at Chalchijapan. This school was built by our native believers in that village over three years ago, when they accepted this great truth. They then wrote the mission headquarters that they had built a school house and a house for a teacher and would pay his living expenses if the mission would send the teacher.

The lack of funds has kept that little school house empty and our dear native believers waiting for over three years. Now we can send them the joyful news that money has at last been received to send them a teacher. Several other companies are likewise waiting for teachers. This is one of their greatest needs. We hope the day will

soon come when these urgent calls can be answered.

Brother Sanchez who has just completed a visiting tour of our churches on the Isthmus, reports many believers ready for baptism. This news is very encouraging and we hope soon to have a very substantial gain of baptized believers.

A short time ago Brother Barrett was traveling on horseback to visit a family of believers living several miles from his station. When a short distance from his destination, while jogging quietly through a heavily wooded district, his horse came to a sudden halt. Just as the horse stopped, Brother Barrett heard the crack of a rifle and a bullet passed through his saddle horn.

Looking in the direction of the report, Brother Barrett saw part of a man's head and the barrel of a rifle protruding from behind a tree. The horse quickly leaped forward carrying its rider around a turn in the road and beyond the reach of the attempted assassin's bullet. Brother Barrett believes the hand of God stopped his horse just in time to prevent his assailant's bullet from passing through his body. It is believed this attempted murder was prompted by anti-protestant sentiments and also the intent of robbery. J. B. NELSON.

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ENCOURAGING LITERATURE EXPERIENCES

We have been praying that the Lord would send us colporteurs to help carry the good news of salvation to the needy fields in this union, especially to the islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe, where we have above four hundred thousand French-speaking people and only one colporteur. You will rejoice to know that this colporteur has helped to answer our prayers. In his last letter he says:

"You will be glad to learn that a brother who has accepted the truth by reading tracts from me and through personal labor, has joined me in carrying the light to his countrymen in darkness and superstition. He has shown fruits that convinces me that the Master has found another colporteur for this field. We have just returned from a two week's battle in the southern part of the island. The Lord blessed us wonderfully in leaving our books in the hands of the people."

This young man who has found the true light is following the footsteps of Philip who went seeking after others as soon as he had found Jesus. May the Lord bless him as He did Philip.

One young man from the United States came to Colombia seeking work; and through the personal efforts of one of our faithful colporteurs he gained a knowledge of this precious truth. The result was he accepted the Message, and a few weeks ago was baptized into the fold of Christ. This young man attended our colporteur's institute in Baranquilla, and plans to go out to help spread the light of the last warning Message.

This Message is going to be finished on time, in this generation, and if those who have known the truth for years fail to respond to the great need of the hour, the Lord will raise up men who will fill in the gap and finish the work. It is wonderful how the message is going forth with power in these dark Catholic countries. Word came from Bogota the other day telling of one of our colporteurs having taken two hundred orders recently for one of our large books. Brother Steeves, the field missionary secretary of Venezuela, in thirty-seven hours took \$684.00 worth of orders in the city of Caracas. Truly, the Lord is preparing the way for this last warning Message, and the hour has struck for it to be given.

Will not all our churches take heed to the following statement from the Spirit of Prophecy?—"Church members, awake to the importance of the circulation of our literature, and devote more time to this work. Place in the homes of the people papers, tracts, and BOOKS that will PREACH THE GOSPEL in its several lines. There is no time to be lost. Let many give themselves willingly and unselfishly to the canvassing work, and thus help to sound a warning that is greatly needed. When the CHURCH takes up her appointed work she will go forth 'FAIR AS THE MOON, CLEAR AS THE SUN, AND TERRIBLE AS AN ARMY WITH BANNERS.'"—*Christian Service*, p. 147. C. B. SUTTON.

THE LEEWARD ISLANDS MISSION

This mission began life, as a separate organization, January 1, 1925, establishing its headquarters in Antigua. Antigua is the seat of government for all the Leeward Islands under British control. Its position is about midway between the Virgin Islands, the western extremity of the mission and the islands of Martinique and British Dominica, the southeastern part of our field.

It would be difficult to give an exact statement of the area of this field. It has fifteen main islands, which are surrounded by a number of small, sparsely inhabited mountain-tops which raise their fertile summits a few hundred feet above the watery deep. The main islands contain about 2,000 square miles, and their population is slightly under 600,000.

The major portion of the inhabitants are of the peasant class, who have work only about three days per week at a wage of from ten to fifteen cents a day for women, and up to twenty-five cents for men. A skilled mechanic does well if he obtains one dollar a day. I have traveled over all the islands in our field and find little variation in

WORK

If you are poor—work.
 If you are rich—continue to work.
 If you are burdened with seemingly unfair responsibilities—work.
 If you are happy—keep right on working. Idleness gives room for doubts and fears.
 If disappointments come—work.
 If sorrow overwhelms you, and loved ones seem not true—work.
 If health is threatened—work.
 When faith falters and reason fails—just work.
 When dreams are shattered and hope seems dead—work. Work as if your life were in peril. It really is.
 Whatever happens—work.
 Work faithfully—work with faith.
 Work is the greatest material remedy available.
 Work will cure both mental and physical afflictions.

—*The Silent Partner.*

wages, except in the Virgin Islands of the United States, where they are slightly higher; but even there the scarcity of work about balances the financial outlook with the other islands.

Though many of our members here have held to the truth faithfully for many years, they have been left so much to themselves that there is a great lack of suitable leaders for the churches. For this reason closer attention has to be given to the details of church work. The membership as we found it was 583; but investigation discovered that of these a large number had migrated to other lands.

Notwithstanding the existing poverty, the tithes and offerings in 1924 amounted to \$5,476.10. I could tell many touching stories of faithfulness and liberality involving real sacrifice. While

writing this I have been visited by a sister who walked fourteen miles to sell four pounds of arrowroot on which she makes one cent per pound. This sister is a home missionary secretary in one of our churches. She has a sick husband and four children to support. But her tithes and mission offerings are paid regularly each week. Nor is this an isolated case. It is a sample of many. Another has come in who carries a large can of milk on her head ten miles daily. For this she receives \$3.60 a month. Out of this she pays her tithes and offerings, and supports herself and daughter.

We now have twenty churches and companies. Our Sabbath schools have a membership of 816, and these gave \$929.62 to missions during the first three quarters of 1925.

Our force for carrying on the work of these islands, which are separated by angry seas, subject to earthquakes, hurricanes, and loathsome diseases, is small. Elder I. G. and Sister Knight are in the Virgin Islands, and Brother van Putten assists them; Elder Philip Giddings and family are contesting with the dominant Roman Catholicism and priest-craft of the French Islands. Elder J. A. Reid, another veteran warrior and his wife from Jamaica, are battling with the starving conditions at Montserrat. Brother George Rickard and wife are in charge of the work in the islands of St. Kitts, Nevis, St. Eustatius, and Saba, besides carrying the field and home missionary secretaryship.

The secretary-treasurership of the mission and tract society are in the hands of Miss E. M. Edmed, while the Sabbath school and Missionary Volunteer departments are cared for by Mrs. Edmed. There are ten canvassers distributed through the field.

Four of our church buildings were completely demolished by the hurricane last year, and others were badly damaged. Subsequent earth tremors and drought have been completing what those terrible visitations began, making it imperative that we spend much time this year in effecting repairs. Yet the means granted and allowed will not restore some of the buildings. Our main church building which we hoped would last longer has begun to totter and is dangerous to use. Yet we do not have funds to save the building.

As a whole, this mission field is a loyal, co-operative portion of the Caribbean Union, and given reasonable time, and adequate means to get things in order, will keep step in the onward march of God's great work. We earnestly bespeak for this field a liberal and prayerful interest. H. J. EDMED.

\$250 IN THREE DAYS

We are pleased to submit the colporteur report for November. It shows a little decrease over the previous month in total sales; but it does not contain any record of the sales in the Haiti, Santo Domingo, or Honduras missions, or in the South Caribbean Conference. We feel certain that if we had received reports from the above fields, the November report would show a considerable gain over October.

Each field should send a report of the month's work direct to the union and the division offices not later than the 15th of the month.

Many interesting reports come to the office from time to time, telling how the Lord is going before the men and women who are carrying the printed page. Brother D. C. Babcock, superintendent of the Guiana Mission, in writing to the division office says: "I have spent over two weeks up the Demerara river in company with Brother Carter, and have had some excellent meetings. Brother Carter took our launch out alone, and in three days sold over \$250.00 worth of our books. He sold at almost every house." F. L. HARRISON.

COLPORTEUR SALES FOR NOVEMBER 1925

	Colp.	Hours	Orders	Value	Mag. Sales	Total Sales
<i>Antillian Union</i>						
Bahama	1	...	...	117.55	...	117.55
Cuba	12	631	336	2,006.95	123.25	2,130.20
Haiti						
Jamaica	8	145	36	626.43	...	626.43
Porto Rico	7	404	69	659.78	130.00	789.78
Santo Domingo						
<i>Totals</i>	28	1,180	441	3,410.71	253.25	3,663.96
<i>Astec Union</i>						
Guatemala-Salvador	5	314	204	880.50	...	880.50
Honduras						
Mexico	30	2,347	694	3,543.60	...	3,543.60
<i>Totals</i>	35	2,661	898	4,424.10	...	4,424.10
<i>Caribbean Union</i>						
Colombia	3	240	40	269.00	59.70	328.70
Guiana				166.63	...	166.63
Leeward Islands	9	873	109	498.66	24.50	523.16
South Caribbean						
Venezuela	5	1,103	468	3,284.20	...	3,284.20
West Caribbean	21	1,170	744	2,605.55	...	2,605.55
<i>Totals</i>	38	3,386	1,361	6,824.04	84.20	6,908.24
Inter-Am. Div.	101	7,227	2,700	14,658.85	337.45	14,996.30

GROWING AT A RAPID RATE

Our total on the Extension Fund in the Leeward Islands for the year 1925 is now \$75.19. This is very far short of our goal, looking at it that way. But comparing with the previous year I find that in 1924 this field brought in the wonderful sum of \$2.25. So while the amount is still small, the increase is very encouraging.

You will be interested to know that we have used a total of 2,500 Morning Watch calendars for 1926, a per capita of a little more than four per member for the entire field.

ETHEL M. EDMED.

NEW CONVERTS MAKING GOOD COLPORTEURS

At present we have six colporteurs in the field. Two of the new men in our bookmen's army of Honduras are doing splendidly. They are both new converts to the truth. Brother Pablo Barrow, a conductor on one of the railroads, accepted the truth and was baptized about six months ago. He influenced the train dispatcher on the same road and as a result this young man accepted the truth; and when they both had to give up their good salaries because of the Sabbath, they went out selling our precious literature. The former

*OUR FIELD LEADERS**ANTILLIAN UNION*

	G. D. Raff
Cuba	R. E. Stewart
Jamaica	O. P. Reid
Porto Rico	Leo Odom
Santo Domingo	F. E. Brito

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Guatemala, Honduras, and

conductor is now working with books among the Spanish people of British Honduras, and that he is successful is seen by his reports. His former train dispatcher is dispatching all the books he can dispose of in La Ceiba. One of his recent reports shows orders for \$133.00 gold worth of books in one week. The other men in the field are also doing fine. Sister Howell is selling small books and magazines in Belize.

E. J. LORNTZ.

PROGRESSING IN PORTO RICO

We have two new colporteurs. They are recent converts from the tent efforts last summer. They are both single men, the first men to be new in the work since I came to the field. Two more are to start in January. I should like to have six good steady men for this field. The cane-milling season is opening up now, and we are going to follow it up. I hope that we shall be able to get in a lot of good work during this time.

LEO ODOM.

NOTES FROM THE PRESS

Within the past few days, shipments of books averaging three cases to each field, have been sent to Porto Rico, Santo Domingo, western Nicaragua (in the West Caribbean), and Jamaica; two shipments (eight cases in all) to Cuba, and a

FEBRUARY "EL CENTINELA" CIRCULATION

Territory	Goal July 1	2d Month Goal	February Circulation	Short
Cuba			3,396	
Porto Rico			1,258	
Santo Domingo			400	
<i>Antillian Union</i>	9,000	6,172	5,054	1,118
Guatemala-Salvador			344	
Honduras			231	
Mexico			2,152	
<i>Astec Union</i>	10,000	5,232	2,727	2,505
Atlantic Colombia			739	
Central Colombia			101	
Venezuela			280	
West Caribbean			1,180	
<i>Caribbean Union</i>	5,000	2,389	2,300	89
INTER-AMERICA	24,000	13,793	9,986	3,807
Arizona			28	
California			34	
Central California			27	
Southern California			29	
Southeastern California			146	
South Texas			99	
Miscellaneous States			173	
<i>United States</i>	3,500	1,606	536	1,070
Philippines			31	
Miscellaneous Foreign			39	
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	250	127	70	57
Total, February, 1926	27,750	15,526	10,677	4,849
Total, February, 1925			8,793	
<i>Increase, 1926</i>			1,884	

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H. C. KEPHART, - *Manager, Pacific Press, Central American Branch*

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OUR FIELD LEADERS

CARIBBEAN UNION		C. B. Sutton
Colombia	-	F. A. Brower
Guiana	-	C. H. Carter
Leeward Islands	-	Geo. Rickard
South Carib.	-	P. E. Shakespeare
Venezuela	-	F. W. Steeves
West Carib.	-	A. V. Larson

shipment of twenty cases to Venezuela. Another shipment, equivalent to about eight cases, has just been sent by mail to Mexico, and smaller quantities to other fields. Part of these sales will be figured in the February business.

The first sales report for the year 1926 (appearing in this section) is, we trust, merely an omen of the prosperity to attend the literature work during the entire year. The sale of over \$17,000.00 worth of literature in one month is a higher turn-over than the average monthly sales for any previous year.

The task of preparing the 1926 Ingathering magazines, both in Spanish and English, so that those fields planning early campaigns can have their papers by about the first of March, makes it necessary to do considerable press work in a very brief period of time. To facilitate such work as is entailed in the printing of the covers for the Ingathering papers, covers for the paper-bound books being published, and much other exacting work, our factory has recently had the addition of an automatic job press, which is a great help in the work that is being crowded forward at this time.

We are not especially proud of the appearance of our circulation report for the February issue of *El Centinela*, as a whole. While the total circulation is larger than for the same month of 1925, and slightly above that for last month, it is quite a bit short of the goal toward which we hope all our people in this division will earnestly strive.

This month the best advance was made by the Caribbean Union, due to the energetic way Brother A. V. Larson is taking hold of the promotion work in the West Caribbean Conference. If our leaders in all parts of the division would give some special attention and put forth special effort, similar improvement will result in every part of the field. Your cooperation is solicited.

Brother E. R. Johnson and family have just returned from several weeks of vacationing in the cool and pleasant country of Costa Rica. Brother Johnson has greatly enjoyed the relief this period of rest has afforded, and can now enter into his editorial duties for another period, with fresh vigor.

GOD LEADS HIS SERVANTS TO THOSE WHO SEARCH FOR TRUTH

There is no department in our entire organization that offers so great an opportunity for personal soul-saving as does the colporteur work. Colporteurs have been directed by the Spirit of the Lord to meet individuals just at the time when the Holy Spirit is impressing them to seek for truth. The following experience illustrates this.

While working with one of our colporteurs we entered the office of a doctor. After

sending him our cards we were asked to come to the guest room and wait. Soon the doctor came and greeted us very pleasantly. We showed him the literature we had and told him of the truth it contained. He appeared much interested, and subscribed for the *Signs of the Times*, adding that he intended to study the Catholic religion.

Of course when we heard this we tried at once to find some way by which he might be directed away from error and led to the truth. He told me that he had every afternoon free from four to five, and arrangements were made to have a worker call once or twice each week for Bible study. The next day I met Elder Kuniya. We called on the man and had an interesting study with him. In our conversation he told us that the night before we called on him with our literature he had heard a Buddhist priest give a radio lecture on religion, which had set him thinking about the future, and that very night he wrote to a Catholic priest asking for literature.

The Holy Spirit is directing God's workers, and surely the faithful colporteur will have many surprises awaiting him when the Lord comes to give His rewards.—E. J. Kraft (Japan), quoted from "Far Eastern Promoter."

HAVE YOU ENROLLED?

For 1926 Seventh-day Adventists may read some of the best books that have ever been selected for the reading courses. Regardless of age, experience, or position, there are books the reading of which will contribute to your enjoyment of life and to spiritual advancement. Do not allow precious time to slip away before enrolling in one of the courses prepared for 1926. The Ministerial Course, for all mission workers; the auxiliary Ministerial Course, for church officers; the Senior, Junior, or Primary Missionary Volunteer courses, for old and young, large and small; are made up of splendid books. Secure a set. Read!

SALES REPORT, JANUARY, 1926 CENTRAL AMERICAN BRANCH, PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSN.

	Subscription	Trade	Educational	Tracts	Total
Bahamas	19.90	19.00	5.40	....	44.30
Cuba	2,954.00	60.10	....	....	3,014.10
Dominicana	1,372.50	35.75	....	72.00	1,480.25
Haiti	7.50	67.25	....	....	74.75
Jamaica	....	76.25	15.45	....	91.70
Porto Rico	799.50	219.20	....	....	1,018.70
<i>Antillian Union</i>	5,153.40	477.55	20.85	72.00	5,723.80
Guatemala-Salvador	....	9.90	....	....	9.90
Honduras	....	14.20	154.20	5.00	173.40
Mexico	90.00	....	....	....	90.00
<i>Aztec Union</i>	90.00	24.10	154.20	5.00	273.30
Atlantic Colombia	31.80	63.25	2.50	....	97.55
Central Colombia	7.50	22.50	....	....	30.00
Guiana	2,277.35	71.30	....	....	2,348.65
Leeward Islands	....	56.35	....	....	56.35
South Caribbean	....	5.80	....	....	5.80
Venezuela	7,800.00	59.25	....	....	7,859.25
West Caribbean	744.20	108.05	141.75	2.10	996.10
<i>Caribbean Union</i>	10,860.85	386.50	144.25	2.10	11,393.70
INTER-AMERICA	16,104.30	888.15	319.25	79.10	17,390.80

COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR'S SALES

	Antillian Union	Aztec Union	Caribbean Union	Inter-America
Sales, Jan. 1926	5,723.80	273.30	11,393.70	17,390.70
Sales, Jan. 1925	701.25	3,584.15	2,925.10	7,210.50
Increase, First Month	5,022.55	3,310.85 (Decrease)	8,468.60	10,180.30

MADE GOD'S WORK FIRST

A week or so before we started our Harvest Ingathering campaign in this field, a young girl, who lives with an elderly sister of our church, visited us. The following conversation ensued:

"How is Sister Inez?" asked my wife solicitously.

"Oh, she has moved today to another place," replied the girl.

"Why so suddenly?"

"Well, she says the Harvest Ingathering campaign is coming on and she did not want her moving to interfere with the campaign, so she moved now." This sister set her goal for \$15.00 and thirty-six hours of service. Both goals were reached by this faithful toiler.

Sometime ago this same sister, who earns her living by cooking for a family, prayed earnestly that the Lord would enable her to bring a larger offering than usual for the next thirteenth Sabbath. What was the result? Let me tell you. When the thirteenth Sabbath came, Sister Inez placed in the offering an envelope containing over \$6.00.

H. E. BAASCH.

GLAD TO HELP

A Chinese lady who had accepted the Christian religion, and seemed so interested in hearing how the gospel was finding its way to the dark places of the earth, gave us ten dollars in our Harvest Ingathering campaign, and when we were ready to leave, she said, "I am so pleased to give this amount, for I know that God will bless me as I try to help others along the way."

She had a son who had been sick for two years, and she asked us to call and see him. We went up to the house and had a pleasant time with him; and before leaving, we took the Bible and read the 35th chapter of Isaiah, and then had prayer with him. He seemed to appreciate our visit very much, and asked us to come again. There are so many in this dark world who need the help the Lord alone can give.

C. B. SURTON.

THE BIBLE IN THE HOTEL

[From a letter written to Sister J. A. Leland, M. V. and S. S. Secretary for Antillian Union.]

Your plan of placing the quarterly and Bible on the bed in order to remember the lesson study is a very excellent one. I began to practice it while on the way home, from conference. Having to sleep in a hotel on the way home, I left my Spanish Bible and quarterly on my bed while I went out to make a missionary visit. On my return, I found that my Bible had attracted the attention of a Haitian who occupied the same room. I learned that he was a Seventh-day Adventist seeking to find the mission.

After embracing each other we had prayer and study together. I sent his name to the office, and since then he has written expressing his gratitude to me for directing him to the true mission.

I sincerely hope that all will follow your wise plan in the lesson study that they may rescue many who are seeking the way to the fold.

L. M. POWELL.

MORE BAPTISMS

On the first Sabbath of the new year we celebrated the Lord's Supper with the brethren in Cruces, and in the afternoon I baptized eleven believers. This is our second baptism since we held the conference in Cruces. All enjoyed the day very much. We are planning

to baptize several soon in Cienfuegos, some of whom have waited for over a year for this rite.

The interest in Manacas keeps up very well. Nearly every Sunday night there are from one hundred to one hundred fifty present at the evening services. The work is larger than one minister can handle well. The brethren and sisters are of good courage and the work seems to be progressing better and better as the days go by. There is an excellent spirit, with peace and unity among the companies.

C. J. FOSTER.

MORE GOOD NEWS FROM CUBA

I left home about two weeks ago and have had very pleasant and profitable visits with our churches and companies. In Cruces we organized the company into a church with Brother Foster as the elder. In Moron I baptized six believers and organized a church of 33 members.

From there I went to Vertientes. Here I found a very live company of Jamaicans, with a very good leader,—a man that has been in the message for over thirty years. The brethren and sisters have been doing a very good work. Before I left I baptized fifteen and hope to baptize those who are now studying when I make my next visit there.

They have built a humble house of worship at their own expense. However, it will be necessary for them to enlarge it very soon. Last Sunday night the house was crowded with earnest listeners. The brethren and sisters at this place hope to double their number by the end of 1926.

C. V. ACHENBACH.

THE MASTER COUNTS ON YOU

The Master counts on you, my friend,
To go wherever He shall send;
To answer promptly every call;
And never count the cost at all.

He counts you for a witness true,
That others may see Christ in you;
He counts on you; He counts on me—
Being just what He'd have us be!

He counts on us, this very hour,
To do our work with heaven's power;
To crowd the hour of setting sun
With the task that is still undone!

WE EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS

When the S. S. "Dominica" dropped anchor in our harbor here in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands on December 7, we hastened to board it. As our feet touched the top step on the gang plank, we were warmly greeted by Pastor H. J. Edmed and Miss M. E. Robertson.

That same evening the rooms in the Italian Hotel, occupied by Mr. Knight and me were fragrant with beautiful decorations presented by the hotel family. There were bouquets of roses and other flowers, vines and maiden-hair ferns.

About seven o'clock Pastor Knight could be seen standing in the room. In his hand was an open Bible. Before him stood Pastor Edmed and Miss Robertson. Presently these words fell on our ears: "According to the laws of this government and by the authority vested in me as a minister of Jesus Christ, I pronounce you husband and wife. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

Congratulations were then offered by the guests; and the next morning the bride and groom took a launch for Tortola. After a week, Mr. Knight and I joined them there,

to attend a dedicatory service of a new church building, as well as the Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer conventions conducted by Pastor and Sister Edmed.

I am sure the readers of the MESSENGER will join us in wishing Brother and Sister Edmed much happiness and many blessings from God in their united services in the Master's work.

Mrs. CARRIE KNIGHT.

PROGRESS IN MALAYSIAN UNION

I have been on quite an extended tour through Java, the Celebes, Ambon and British North Borneo, Siam and the Malay States. You will be glad to know that a new work has sprung up in the island of Ambon. Brother Munson stayed there a month longer than I, and now sends a report saying that twenty-two have been baptized.

Brother Munson tells me that in 1925 in the Celebes they baptized one hundred and four, and I expect that the baptisms in Java this year will exceed 200. In Siam I find that they have almost doubled their membership in 1925, and in the Malay States they have more than doubled their baptisms this year over that of last year. This is very encouraging.

You will be glad to know that in 1925 three new languages in our field are singing the praises of the Third Angel's Message. We have baptized our first fruits from the Timor-ese, Dusun or Inland Dyoks, and Siamese people. In Siam we have been laboring for several years but the work has been wholly among the Chinese people.

We are now erecting a new two story brick dormitory. We received about three thousand and eight hundred dollars from the overflow of the Thirteenth Sabbath that was given to this field and we will use this money with the five thousand dollars that we raised in the Big Week. We are in another campaign again soliciting funds to finish this building. I just received a wire today saying that already two thousand dollars has been raised.

All of our workers seems to be of good courage and although we have Mohammedanism and heathenism to face yet our hopes are as bright as the promises that are made in the Third Angel's Message that the gospel will go to every nation, kindred, tongue and people.

L. V. FINSTER.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The World's General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 27 to June 14, 1926. Seventh-day Adventists throughout the world are looking forward to this meeting with intense interest. The official report of the Conference will appear in the *Review & Herald*, our church paper. During the Conference, there will be two extra issues of that paper each week. Every English speaking Adventist home should have the *Review*. Subscribe now, and get it for one year including the extra issues containing the full report of the Conference. Subscription price, \$2.75.

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