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The Work of Faith

We are to be diligent workers. An idle man is one of the most miserable of God's creatures. And to be idle in the great work which Christ gave His life to accomplish, is the worst kind of idleness. Our spiritual faculties will die without exercise. Satan is never idle in seeking our destruction. All heaven is actively engaged in preparing a people for the second coming of Christ to our world. "We are laborers together with God." The end of all things is at hand, and we must work while it is day, for the night cometh, in which no man can work.

Our interests and powers are to be enlisted in the work of proclaiming Christ and Him crucified, preparing the way for His second appearing. Lift Him up, the Man of Calvary. Place yourselves in the divine current, where you can receive the heavenly inspiration, for you may have it; then point the weary, the heavy-laden, the poor, the broken-hearted, perplexed soul to Jesus, the Source of all spiritual strength. Be faithful minute-men to show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Tell it with pen and voice, that Jesus lives to make intercession for us. Time is passing; the end is near. We must work while it is day.

You can unite with the great Master Worker; we can follow the self-denying Redeemer through His pilgrimage of matchless love on earth. Jesus came to magnify the law and make it honorable. He died to exalt the law of God, testifying of its changeless character; and as we proclaim God's law, we may look unto Jesus, and be comforted with the assurance, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." The same Jesus that walked with His disciples, that taught them upon earth, that toiled and suffered in His human nature, is with us in His divine power.

He is at our right hand to help us in every emergency. Let us lift up Jesus, and reveal the Bible foundation for our faith.

There has been among the believers, dissension, unbelief, and jealousy, and on the part of some, a firm resistance of light from heaven. I have been shown that those who have resisted light will never see clearly again, unless they humble their hearts before God, and confess their backslidings, their prejudice, their hatred of the light which God has sent, which, if accepted, would make them wise unto salvation. Formality, worldly wisdom, worldly caution, worldly policy, will appear to many to be the very power of God, but when accepted, it stands as an obstacle to prevent God's light, in warnings, reproof, and counsel, from coming to the world.

Satan is now working with all his insinuating, deceiving power, to lead men away from the work of the Third Angel's Message, which is to be proclaimed with mighty power. If Satan sees that the Lord is blessing His people and preparing them to discern his delusions, he will work with his masterly power to bring in fanaticism on the one hand, and cold formalism on the other, that he may gather in a harvest of souls. Now is our time to watch unceasingly. Watch, bar the way against the least step of advance that Satan may make among us.

There are dangers to be guarded against on the right hand and on the left. There will be inexperienced ones, newly come to the faith, who need to be strengthened and to have a correct example set before them. Some will not make a right use of the doctrine of justification by faith. They will present it in a one-sided manner. Others will seize the ideas that have not been correctly presented, and will go clear over the mark, ignoring works altogether. Now, genuine faith always

works by love. It supplies a motive power. Faith is not an opiate, but a stimulant.

When you look to Calvary, it is not to quiet your soul in the non-performance of duty, not to compose yourself for sleep, but to create faith in Jesus, faith that will work, and purify the soul from all the slime of selfishness. When we lay hold of Christ by faith, our work has just begun. Every one has corrupt and sinful habits, that must be overcome through vigorous warfare. Every soul must fight the fight of faith. If he is a follower of Christ, he cannot be sharp in deal, he cannot be hard-hearted, devoid of sympathy; he cannot be coarse in speech, he cannot be a surmiser of evil, an accuser of the brethren; he cannot be full of pomposity and self-esteem; he cannot be overbearing, nor can he use harsh words, and censure and condemn.

The labor of love springs from the work of faith. Bible religion means constant work. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God that worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure." We are to be "zealous of good works;" "be careful to maintain good works." And the True Witness says, "I know thy works." While it is true that our busy activities will not in themselves insure salvation, it is also true that faith which unites us to Christ will stir the soul to activity.

Those who have no time to give attention to their own souls, to examine themselves daily whether they be in the love of God, and to place themselves in the channel of light, will have time to give to the suggestions of Satan and the working out of his plans. Satan will insinuate himself by little wedges, that widen as they make a place for themselves. There will be a gradual adoption of worldly policy. The specious devices of Satan will be brought into the special work of God at this time.

—Mrs. E. G. White.

NOW IS THE TIME

How quickly the days roll by! How rapidly the years increase! It seems but a few days since 1924 became 1925, and now we have crossed the threshold of 1926. We are speedily approaching the end of all things—the end of the harvest, of probationary time for working out our salvation, and the end of the day of opportunity. "The night cometh when no man can work" for the salvation of others.

We cannot be surprised that, with such a rushing past of the months, the Lord should urge His people to intense activity for finishing His work. The last days of the last generation are with us. How solemn to think that one day while all are busy with the common round and daily task, and the world is merrily passing its days and hours and moments in revelry, sport, money-making, and pleasure, the voice of God will announce the account closed, the judgment finished, the saved **SAVED**, and the lost **LOST**!

Years ago the message came to us, "There is danger in delay. That soul whom you might have found, that soul to whom you might have opened the Scriptures, passes beyond your reach. Satan has prepared some net for his feet, and tomorrow he may be working out the plans of the arch-enemy of God."

Then again: "Vigilance and fidelity have been required of Christ's followers in every age; but now that we are standing upon the very verge of the eternal world, holding the truths we do, having so great light, so important a work, *we must double our diligence.*" "Every one is to do the very utmost of his ability."

Still another appeal came to us from Mrs. E. G. White in the *Review and Herald*, Jan. 24, 1893: "We are to be diligent workers; an idle man is a miserable creature. But what excuse can be offered for idleness in the great work which Christ gave His life to accomplish? The spiritual faculties cease to exist if they are not exercised, and it is Satan's design that they shall perish. All heaven is actively engaged in the work of preparing a people for the second coming of Christ to our world, and we are 'laborers together with God.' The end of all things is at hand. Now is our opportunity to work."

H. J. EDMED.

"Puritan plainness and simplicity should mark the dwellings and apparel of all who believe the solemn truths for this time."—*Test.* Vol. 5, p. 189.

ANTILLIAN UNION MISSION

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WEEK OF PRAYER VICTORIES

The Week of Prayer was a season of victory for the Nassau church. Our meetings, except on Sabbath, were held at five in the morning; and from forty to sixty came to each meeting. Some came quite a distance, morning after morning, to enjoy the spiritual feast God was giving us. One who had backslidden returned to the fold. Three asked for baptism. In all twenty-five were added to the church during the last six months of 1925.

On the last Sabbath of the year we had a delightful 13th Sabbath program. Brother Fountain, the Sabbath school superintendent, at the beginning of the quarter had offered a shilling to every young person who would use it to raise funds for missions. A few accepted the offer and came in with nice offerings. There were also a number who joined in the Investment Fund. They had a nice offering of about nine pounds, and the 13th Sabbath offering raised it to nearly eighteen pounds,—the largest offering for missions that has ever been raised in Nassau.

The church school is progressing nicely. Brother Orion Lawrence, who is in charge, finds plenty to do, for in addition to the school he is keeping the mission books.

Brother G. W. Lawrence is working steadily away on the new church at Sturens, Long Island. And the Nassau church is bringing in good reports of personal work from Sabbath to Sabbath.

W. E. BIDWELL.

ANOTHER CHURCH IN SANTO DOMINGO

In the interior of the island, where there is neither a railroad nor an auto road, I organized a church recently. Four were baptized and a church of nineteen members organized. This is where Brother Wellington Williams has been working for a year or more.

There are no towns or cities here but thousands of people live all through that region and own their own farms, so when they become interested in the truth they have no difficulty in keeping the Sabbath.

WILLIAM STEELE.

"It is impossible for those who indulge the appetite to attain to Christian perfection."—*Testimonies,* Vol. 2, p. 400.

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HERE AND THERE IN AZTEC

Brother Perez, who is working in the state of Guerrero, Mexico, reports several new companies and many new believers ready for baptism. In the Central mission Elder Winter recently baptized thirty.

Pastor C. P. Martin, and I recently held meetings in Tampico and Monterrey. The people were greatly encouraged. The work throughout the Gulf Mission is in splendid condition. Pastor C. E. Moon, superintendent of the Sonora Mission, and I have just completed a tour through the Yaqui country. The Yaqui Indians have long been regarded as savage; but their chief has been calling pitifully to us to come among them and teach his people how to live better lives. He assures us that he will protect our workers if they will only come. The Lord has laid upon Brother and Sister Christian, graduate nurses of Glendale, a burden for this work; and we expect to have them with us soon.

Near these Indians are many wealthy American farmers. Among these the truth has now entered, and some are urging us to open a school there. They promise to pay the expenses of a teacher. The harvest certainly is ripe.

The Lord has blessed our book work in the Aztec union during the year 1925. Brother Cochran, vice-president of the Pacific Press Publishing Assn., in speaking of the progress made, said:

"You are to be congratulated on the splendid showing made in the Aztec Union. That field shows the largest gain of any of the seven unions. The facts are the Aztec Union almost doubled its sales over last year during the eleven months. When the final report is made for the year, I am sure it will show more than one hundred per cent increase."

Our workers are pressing forward; and the Lord is blessing them. The peace, good will, unity, and confidence seen and felt among our entire union force is a real blessing. We are all thankful for the blessings of the past year; but we are hoping, praying, and working for greater and better results in all lines during 1926.

D. A. PARSONS.

SOLD HER JEWELS FOR AN ORGAN

Shortly after my return to the field, I was called up to Trujillo to dedicate the new church built by Brother Castillo, the lawyer. The building is free

from debt. It is very encouraging to see the interest there, and we are arranging for Brother de la Cerda to go up there once every month. It is not far from La Ceiba.

The enemies of the truth in Trujillo accused Brother Castillo to the government of being an Adventist priest, and claimed that he was baptizing and reading "mass" in the church. As a matter of fact, Brother Castillo has no office in our field and is only a plain lay member of the church. I had to send a sworn statement to the supreme court of Honduras stating the facts and we are now awaiting the outcome. We are, however, confident that the work of the Lord will not suffer.

Sister Castillo sold all her jewels in order to buy an organ for the church.
E. J. LORNTZ.

IN ROATAN, SPANISH HONDURAS

A great interest was awakened from the first night of our effort at French Harbor. Many attended the meetings who before were very prejudiced against Seventh-day Adventists. Many who gave a deaf ear to the message before, were eager to hear it in its fulness.

Six took their stand to obey the Lord and to walk in all His commandments. Two of these used to keep the Sabbath several years ago; but the promise of God is as much to the backslider as to other repentant sinners. These six were organized into a baptismal class, and I hope that it will not be very long before they will be ready to follow their Lord into the watery grave.

There are some more who are very much interested and I hope sometime in the future will take their stand to follow the Master.

Calls for help come from many places; but my hands are full. The church school in Bonacco opened again January 4 with 59 pupils. Three more have entered later, so we now have all we can accommodate. Sister Enid W. Wright, from Jamaica, is in charge.

L. H. CONNOLLY.

FIVE NEW COMPANIES IN TEHUANTEPEC

You will be glad to learn that the church at Chalchijapan now have a teacher for their school. These faithful brethren have been waiting for three years after having gone to great expense and labor in building a schoolhouse. At last their prayers and hopes have been realized; and now their children are receiving God's appointed education. Miss Virginia Monterrosa, former stu-

dent of the Aztec Union Training School, is the teacher. She is doing splendid work. Our brethren at Puerto Mexico are also planning to open a church school as soon as possible.

During the month of December the writer had the privilege of visiting many of our companies. All of our believers in these places were of good courage, doing all in their power to give this blessed message to their neighbors. In all of these companies there are believers preparing for baptism.

During the last four months of 1925 five new companies were added to the Tehuantepec Mission constituency. We hope and pray that with God's blessing our mission family will likewise increase during the present year. J. B. NELSON.

WITH DANGERS ON EVERY HAND

I just returned from a trip down in Brother Nelson's territory and greatly rejoice to be able to tell you that instead of organizing two new companies as I recently wrote, he has in reality organized six. The Lord richly blessed us in our general meeting at Puerto Mexico; and we installed the new Indian worker, which we agreed to send there at our recent union committee meeting. He had one company of 45 new members.

The greatest number of interested people by far, who are appealing for baptism, are found in the Tehuantepec and Central Mexican missions. Five or six new companies in the Central Mexican Mission await baptism and an equally large or larger number are calling to us from the Tehuantepec.

Soon I will start out on mule back on a trip which will require at least one month of constant riding; for it has been decided that I spend considerable time in these missions. The nearest of five companies in the western part of this mission is a three days' ride. One place that the superintendent and I will visit will require ten days to reach, but we must go.

There is great danger at the present moment in Mexico,—especially in the territory that we are to visit. You doubtless have heard of the terrible atrocity that recently took place between here and Guadalajara. The train was attacked, many people shot, stabbed, and murdered in other ways; gasoline was poured on the train and destroyed. I came down on that very train from Guadalajara only a few days before. Not long ago the train to Laredo, Texas, was derailed and wrecked.

Recently when Brother Nelson went to a village to see some of our brethren,

he found blood in the road. Upon inquiry, he was told that two strangers had been murdered there only a few hours before. The state of Guerrero, where Brother Perez, Pastor Winter, and I are now going, is infested with murderers and robber bands. We are, therefore, asking that you pray especially for our welfare and protection. We cannot for a moment hesitate to visit these people because of these constant dangers; it is our duty to do all within our power to protect ourselves, and in the fear of the Lord go forward, leaving the rest to Him. We have never been of greater courage than we are now.
D. A. PARSONS.

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COLPORTEUR INSTITUTE IN VENEZUELA

Sunday morning, January 17, the Venezuelan band of faithful colporteurs gathered in the mission chapel at Caracas to study plans and methods for the circulation of our truth-filled literature. Some of these self-supporting workers left their homes a year ago, and were in the field until a short time before the institute. It would have encouraged your hearts to have heard the interesting experiences related by these faithful workers. Surely, the Lord has set His hand to finish the work in the Catholic fields; and it is marvelous how our gospel literature is finding its way to these dark corners. For instance, Brother Pedro Gil sold twenty-three "Patriarchs and Prophets" in one day. Eternity alone will reveal the good accomplished by these splendid books.

The morning sessions of the institute began at 8:30 and continued until 12:00; afternoon meetings were from 2:00 to 5:00. Preaching service was held each night for the benefit of the colporteurs. We were glad to have Pastor L. J. Borrowdale, the superintendent of the Venezuelan mission, with us during the time; and his good Bible studies will be long remembered by all. Pastor Cleaves, who has had a wide experience selling our literature among the Spanish people, was with us also and rendered valuable service. Brother Fred Steeves, who stood by his faithful band of workers during the year, gave timely advice and good counsel. A splendid interest was manifested during the entire meeting, and I do not remember when I have attended an institute where the colporteurs were so unanimous in supporting every plan.

Two young men were in attendance at this institute who walked almost three hundred miles to be present at the first meeting. They both felt deeply impressed that the Lord was calling them and gave up good positions to engage in this soul-saving work. One of these men left a wife and three children at home, with the prospect of not returning for over a year; yet, in spite of this he was of good courage, and said that the Lord was separated from His Son longer than he planned to be away from his family. When men are willing to leave good jobs, and their friends and relatives, and walk such a distance to carry this last warning message to those who are groping in darkness, the Lord surely will reward their sacrificing efforts. When such a spirit of sacrifice takes hold of all, we shall soon see the message carried to every home, and the honest in heart brought to a knowledge of this truth.

The Venezuelan Mission led the union in the sale of books during 1925, having sold over \$11,000.00 worth of literature. I am told that this is the highest record in the history of the work in this field. Just before the institute Brother Steeves spent about four days in La Guayra with one of the colporteurs and sold \$320.00 worth of books, and all save two were delivered. This good record encouraged the colporteurs to set their goal for \$16,000.00 this year, and I am confident that with their determination and the blessing of the Lord they are going to reach it. Since the close of the institute, a large shipment of twenty cases of books has been received to supply the needs of this faithful band of workers in the field. Let us unitedly pray that the Lord will bless all of our colporteurs, as they endeavor to place the truth-filled literature in the homes of the people.

C. B. SUTTON,

Union Field Missionary Secretary.

GOOD NEWS FROM VENEZUELA

For some weeks a woman, with her two sons between the ages of fourteen and seventeen, and her two daughters between eighteen and twenty, has been attending our meetings regularly. They appear educated and are very serious; they show sincerity in their acts. These things demonstrate how near the coming of Christ is, and make me feel more anxious all the time to raise up a school here in Venezuela.

Yesterday Brother Sutton told some of his experiences during his trip that he made with Brother Baxter through the interior of the Guianas. These things

increase my anxiety to see the young people of this country in one of our schools to prepare themselves to go to the interior of this country where there are thousands of Indians, like those of the Guianas who have no knowledge of the Saviour.

Brother Borrowdale has been visiting our brethren at Camaguan and San Fernando, where he spent twenty-two days. He left the chapel in Camaguan roofed and the walls under construction. There were five persons baptized at Camaguan and seven in San Fernando.

Good news comes to us from Nutrias, a city situated on the banks of the Apure River, in the state of Zamora.

Recently during a Sabbath school session at Caracas, many had to sit in the yard outside the chapel because it was filled. But Brother Borrowdale says that "mañana" the chapel will be made larger by removing a partition.

J. A. LAMAS.

A VISIT TO MONTSERATE

Montserrat is the name of a mountain rising about 1,000 feet above the city of Bogotá, Colombia. On the top of this almost perpendicular cliff, the Catholics have built a church. Here, in a large glass case, they have the life-sized image of Christ. He is half inclined upon the cross and his body is covered with blood from the wounds of his scourging and the crown of thorns he wears. Great reverence is shown this image and many believe it is able to heal the sick and answer prayers. Hundreds, yes thousands, visit this place each week.

Brother Trummer and I decided to climb the mountain early the last Sunday morning I was in Bogotá. Arising at four o'clock Sunday morning we prepared for the climb. We arrived at the foot of the mountain at five. It was still dark, but the "pilgrims" were already coming and going. Here we found a table where some were drinking hot coffee and getting ready for the climb. A large pile of bricks was at hand and one calling out, "Carry a brick to help build the church on Montserate." Perhaps 50 per cent of the people responded to this call and took, some half a brick, others one, and still others carried two. As we went on we asked some who were carrying bricks, "Why do you do this?"

"We are doing it for penance," was the answer.

Further questioning brought out the fact that they had promised in the confessional to carry these bricks. "And

now," they said, "we must comply with our promise."

The path leading up the mountain was very steep and crooked. The travel over it during the past three hundred or more years had made it very rough and stony. It required an hour and a half hard climbing for us to reach the top. There were small booths, short distances apart, along the path where the people could get liquor. These were well patronized.

It was a great surprise to see women making the climb barefoot, their white feet pink with the cold of the early morning. We asked, "Why do you do this?" "We are doing penance," they replied.

Often have I heard and read of penance, but this was the first time I saw it practised, and it seemed almost unbelievable. Near the top we overtook a woman dressed in silk. She bore every evidence of being of the wealthy, educated, and refined class. Her feet were bare and at every step she took her face revealed the pain she was suffering. She was leaning upon the arm of a well dressed and refined looking young man of about twenty years, who we judged was her son.

Arriving at the church, we found in the front part a long counter and a man behind it selling "salves," or "salvations." These were selling at thirty cents gold, each. The "salve" consisted of a mark on a piece of paper and a small card. At some time during the day these marks would be counted and a priest would say a prayer for so many "salves." The market for these "salves" seemed to be good, for the clerk and his helper were kept quite busy. There were perhaps 2,000 people at the church, just back of which were many camp fires where food was being prepared. We bought some, and had our breakfast there.

Many of the people had gone up the evening before and spent the entire night in dancing and drinking. This evidently is their idea of worship. How we desired to do something to help them to know the true and living God.

We are glad to tell you, however, that in Bogotá the Lord is touching hearts, and that we have a small church of fifteen faithful members. Each night while I was there, our little chapel was crowded, and I think I have never spoken to more attentive listeners at any other time or place.

The room we use for a chapel is only 12½ x 30 feet. The first night the sixty-eight present seemed to fill the room. But each night seats were added and the people crowded in until the last night we had a hundred and five people

packed into that room, and fifteen stood in the hall where they could only hear the speaker.

One evening we presented the "Covenant" and there were thirty who signed it, promising to keep all the ten commandments. Many, with tears in their eyes, pleaded that some one be sent who could remain there and devote his time to preaching the truth. They were firm in their assertion that if this were done, we would have a church of at least one hundred members within a year. And I truly believe this would be possible.

Truly the harvest is great. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more workers into His harvest.

W. E. BAXTER.

OUR ISTHMIAN SABBATH SCHOOLS

Looking out over the four republics comprising the West Caribbean conference, we are encouraged to see thirty-five Sabbath schools sending out rays of light over their neighborhoods.

In these schools are enrolled about 1,250 members, 300 more than our church membership. Eight of the schools have passed their membership goal, which makes up the lack of others, and places us as a conference on the honor roll. Our offerings are making an encouraging increase quarter by quarter. We now average eleven cents per week per member. Some schools do remarkably well, giving from twenty-nine to thirty-one cents per member.

The great majority of our members are English-speaking; but the Spanish membership is climbing steadily. We now have four organized Spanish Sabbath schools. One of these looks after three out-schools, also Spanish. At least one company is Mosquito Indian, and many of the others have representatives of the Spanish, English, Indian, and Chinese among their members.

Our people manifest a good missionary spirit. Our youngest school was organized last quarter away up in border territory between Costa Rica and Panama, on a banana farm. Now we have word that a few members from one of the Canal Zone schools have gone up the coast among the San Blas Indians to work on the banana plantations; and they have taken Sabbath school supplies to start work among these people, whose only contact with the message hitherto has been as their city visitors came across it in Colon.

So the Sabbath school continues to spread its influence and let its light shine in the West Caribbean field.

Mrs. H. C. KEPHART.

IN THE INTERIOR

Camaguan is a small village on the Rio Portuguese tributary of the Orinoco. It is about three hundred miles from Caracas and nearly as far from the nearest railroad station. In the dry season it is accessible by auto from Caracas; but from June to December it is entirely surrounded by water and the traveling distance to Caracas is increased to a little more than a thousand miles. It costs more to go from Camaguan to Caracas than from Caracas to Panama. With this consider the expense and inconvenience of obtaining food and merchandise from the civilized world, and the fact that practically no vegetables and very little fruit can be obtained. All water except when it rains, must be carried in barrels from the muddy river. Malaria is quite

and in some places the priests are losing the influence which they once held among the people. More encouraging results have attended our work in the llano than in any other part of Venezuela, considering the amount of effort put forth. In the month of September a man living six days' journey up the river sent in one hundred bolivars as a donation to our work; he also asked that some one come to instruct him more fully.

Our greatest need here is for more workers. There are many places where evangelistic efforts could be held to advantage, but most of this work must be done by native laborers. American workers have been able to remain only a few months at a time, because of the fevers and the lack of suitable food. A worker traveling here must carry his own food and hammock.

The elementary school of which Sister Greenidge wrote in a former issue of the MESSENGER, has been conducted in Camaguan for the last four years. But we need in this field a permanent boarding school where our young people can obtain a preparation for the Lord's work; and where they can also receive an industrial education. Only a few can be benefited by a literary education. An industrial education would improve their conditions of living and give them a better appreciation of the dignity of labor; and such a school would be a center of influence that would be an incalculable benefit to our work in this field.

The writer of this article is now in Caracas having had to remove his family from the llano in order to save his children from the fever, which several times threatened their lives. If a suitable house with a well of good water and a garden could be provided, perhaps an American family could live there for quite a while. Better buildings are also needed for the church and school. A large lot adjoining the mission property has been ceded to us by the municipal council for this purpose. This has already been fenced and some buildings started, which will be completed as soon as funds can be obtained.

Farther in the interior is a large Indian population that has not yet been reached by our workers. This might prove a very fruitful field. Surely these Indians must receive the message also. Then there is also Ciudad Bolivar, a large city adjacent to the rich gold mines and rubber plantations of south-eastern Venezuela, which has not yet been entered. Venezuela is really an immense field, and we have but barely begun to reap the harvest that is waiting for us.

LOWELL JOHNSTON.

LORD MAKE ME A FRIEND

My Lord, I ask not riches,
Nor any earthly fame;
Let me so live with fellowmen
That they may know Thy name.

Help me to keep my heartstrings
In tune with all who grieve,—
To share with them each heartache,
And all their ills perceive.

I want to be a mirror true,
That will Thy love reflect;
And draw to Thee the lonely lives
Of this cold world's neglect.

My haughty will must needs be bent;
O, Master, Lord of all!
Give strength to me that in the hour
Of trial, I may not fall!

O, make me, Lord, a friend to man!
A humble toiler, too;
That I may serve while I sojourn,
As Jesus used to do.

C. LAWRENCE POHLE.

general and good medical advice cannot be obtained. These facts will give the reader some idea of living conditions in the llano.

In spite of these uninviting physical conditions, the Third Angel's Message has penetrated this territory through the efforts first of the colporteur and later of the evangelical worker. At present we have a church of about fifty members in Camaguan, a smaller company in San Fernando, twenty-one miles down the river, and many interested people in both places. In Camaguan there is a baptismal class of twelve. There are also many partially instructed believers in places farther up the rivers; and it is not uncommon for interested persons to travel long distances to learn more fully the way of salvation.

Many are realizing the emptiness of the formal ceremonies of Romanism

GOSPEL IN ALL THE WORLD

This is the title to a new Current Event Series, of World's Crisis, book. The book, written by Elder W. A. Spicer, is a wonderful story of how the Gospel of the Kingdom is being preached by Seventh-day Adventists. Never before have we had a book in this style telling the people who we are and what we are doing. And it has a most attractive cover. The front cover has the Eastern Hemisphere with a beautiful background of dark blue, the continents darker still, with mission stations in white. This is shaded at top with a rose-colored light, which comes from a torch on the back cover at the top of the Western Hemisphere which is equally attractive.

The Branch is ordering heavily of this book, as it is certain that it will sell extensively. Stock is expected at Cristobal by the first week in April. The book will sell at the usual price for the 128-page books. Get ready to handle a good lot of these books. They carry a straight message.

THE LADDER OF SUCCESS

- 100% I did.
 - 90% I will.
 - 80% I can.
 - 70% I think I can.
 - 60% I might.
 - 50% I think I might.
 - 40% What is it?
 - 30% I wish I could.
 - 20% I don't know how.
 - 10% I can't.
 - 0% I won't.
- The Expositor.

COLPORTEUR SALES REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1925

	Colp.	Hours	Orders	Value	Mag. Sales	Total Sales
<i>Antillian Union</i>						
Bahama	1	32	..	123.63	.....	123.63
Cuba	12	628	416	2,795.50	42.25	2,837.75
Haiti	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....
Jamaica	4	111	21	741.84	.....	741.84
Porto Rico	8	431	68	429.82	153.00	582.82
Santo Domingo	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....
Totals	25	1,202	505	4,090.79	195.25	4,286.04
<i>Aztec Union</i>						
Guatemala-Salvador	5	222	162	512.95	.85	513.80
Honduras	7	736	180	925.80	.....	925.80
Mexico	25	2,183	759	4,627.25	284.85	4,912.10
Totals	37	3,141	1,101	6,066.00	285.70	6,351.70
<i>Other Regions</i>						
Colombia	3	241	44	286.00	82.50	368.50
Guiana	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....
Leeward Islands	8	473	36	422.43	27.38	449.81
South Caribbean	7	657	83	1,019.91	.....	1,019.91
Venezuela	5	352	84	671.60	.....	671.60
West Caribbean	18	720	347	1,822.60	.....	1,822.60
Totals	41	2,443	594	4,222.54	109.88	4,332.42
Inter-Amer. Div.	103	6,786	2,200	14,379.33	590.83	14,970.16

The report for the month of December shows nearly \$15,000.00 worth of books sold. We regret that we did not get a report from all the fields.

Special Notice—We have been holding open the colporteur report until the tenth of the second month because of the length of time it takes for some of the reports to reach the division office. The time for mailing the reports from the local field is the fifteenth of the month. In order that we may get the report into Washington in time for their report, we will have to close our division report five days earlier. Kindly see that the report from your field is mailed not later than the fifteenth.

F. L. HARRISON.

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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 J. A. P. GREEN - - - Secretary

AZTEC UNION
 Guatemala, Honduras, and

CIRCULATE "EL CENTINELA" EVERYWHERE

Some effort has been put forth during the past two or three months to greatly increase the circulation of our Spanish magazine, *El Centinela*. In various sections of this division and in the United States, friends and supporters of the magazine have made a good beginning in the campaign to enlarge the influence of the Spanish magazine by increasing its circulation. Each issue thus far in 1926 has shown an increase over the previous one, and there are favorable indications that this condition will continue to obtain.

The circulation report for the March magazine is not complete as yet, since the next issue is not ready for circulation; but to date the circulation stands well beyond 11,000 copies, more than for any previous issue back as far as July, 1924. In other words, the circulation is on the up-grade again, and we believe *El Centinela* has many friends who intend that this shall continue to be the case.

The field secretary of Porto Rico, Brother Leo Odom, recently wrote:

"Tomorrow I go with Mrs. Odom to one of the cities to start two girls off with *El Centinela*. Everyone seems to like it. The paper shows a marked change for the better in its make-up. It appeals to the public."

At another time Brother Odom wrote: "The reduced price is enough to make it sell most anywhere." That must be the experience in Porto Rico at present. Subscriptions, as many as 150 at a time, are coming in from the field, and a very noticeable increase has been made in the club of papers going to their office. The circulation of the March issue in Porto Rico is practically 2,200.

Pastor Lorntz, superintendent of the Honduras Mission, writes us that the mission committee is urging every worker in the field who has anything to do with the Spanish to handle a club of *El Centinela* magazines each month. As a result of this action presumably, increases from that field are beginning to come in.

In the institute in Venezuela, of which Brother Sutton gives a report in this issue of the MESSENGER, Brother Steeves put in some good words for *El Centinela*, and his colporteurs decided to individually carry quantities of papers with them to circulate while selling their books. Venezuela will doubtless be increasing their order for the magazine soon.

In the Atlantic Colombia Mission we have had a very loyal supporter of the magazine in Brother F. A. Brower, who has been steadily sending in subscriptions, and who at the same time has had a good club of papers for personal delivery. Pastor E. W. Thurber, the superintendent for that mission, has just come to the field and will "carry on," while Brother Brower proceeds to his permanent field of labor, the Central Colombia Mission with headquarters in Bogotá. We shall expect to see fresh demands for the Spanish magazine after he gets located in the interior mission.

While the increases noted above, and all other combined have left us quite a bit short of the goal set at the beginning of the year, progress is being made, and for this we are thankful. Let the good work continue.

"Let us now, by the wise use of periodicals and books,

DEPARTMENT

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

H. A. B. Robinson
Salvador - W. F. Mayers

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

preach the Word with determined energy, that the world may understand the message that Christ gave to John on the Isle of Patmos."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, page 62.

The three-fold message which makes us a special people is to be heralded to the entire world. Our periodicals are to fill a place of usefulness in this great undertaking. For the Spanish territory of Inter-America and the United States, *El Centinela* is being published, and the extensive circulation of this periodical will accomplish great good. Therefore we press on in the effort to greatly extend its circulation. Fellow workers, we solicit your continued co-operation.

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE GUIANA MISSION

The following is gleaned from a letter received from Brother C. H. Carter, field missionary secretary of the Guiana Mission:

"The leader of one of our best churches began canvassing the first day of February. His total sales for the first week were \$130.00 for about forty-seven hours' work. This last week his sales were over \$100.00.

"I am after the best material I can find for colporteurs. We can use about six colporteurs in our field. I have another man to start in French Guiana next week. He was the head of a publishing house in New Amsterdam for about ten years. Another man who is a foreman up in the diamond fields, is interested in working in a French field. And there are other good men we are trying to get into colporteur service.

"I have made two trips up the river, and in about ten days took orders for \$550.00 worth of "Our Day." So you can see the Lord is working for us, and we hope to have a steady colporteur force soon."

OUTLINE OF "EL CENTINELA" FOR APRIL

Cover: A beautiful flower spray, in two colors, fitting for the springtime of the year.

Principal Articles:

"The Failure of Man to Stop Wars," by C. B. Haynes.

"Darwin's Place in Modern Evolution," third article of series by F. D. Nichol.

"The Evolution Theory: Hypothesis, Theory, or Fact?" An article by a Catholic priest, with which we heartily agree.

"On a Korean Street Car," a most interesting meditative article by our missionary, E. J. Urquhart.

"Are You Looking for a Blood Tonic?" is a practical health article by H. S. Anderson.

"The Ministry of the Home," third of our series for parents, by Mrs. E. G. White.

For the Children: "Why Boys and Girls

Should Care for Their Bodies," final article of health stories by Dr. Belle Wood-Comstock; and "Flowers That Catch Insects," by Floyd Bralliar.

These, with other articles and very interesting illustrations, will all be found in the April issue of *El Centinela*. Help us circulate the April issue. Orders should be sent at once to your tract society office.

"We must carry the publications to the people and urge them to accept, showing them they will receive much more than their money's worth. Exalt the value of the books you offer. You cannot regard them too highly."—*Colporteur Evangelist* p. 82.

AN INTERESTING REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

We are just in receipt of a report compiled by the Review & Herald Publishing Assn., showing the sale of the World's Crisis (Current Events) Series of books to the close of 1925. There is a grand total of 10,214,545 copies. Twenty-nine books have each had a circulation of over 100,000 copies. The five largest sellers were:

World War	881,406
Our Lord's Return	698,747
Steps to Christ	630,427
Epidemics	593,909
Marked Bible	552,573

Many thousands of people have learned something of the truth through the reading of these booklets and the others making up the list, and many have yielded to the truths thus learned.

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

	Subscription	Trade	Educational	Tracts	Total
Bahamas	239.40	50.40	5.40	....	295.20
Cuba	3,568.60	155.40	....	....	3,724.00
Dominicana	1,402.35	39.80	....	72.00	1,514.15
Haiti	9.50	88.75	....	1.00	99.25
Jamaica	1,958.00	146.40	32.60	....	2,137.00
Porto Rico	2,459.50	263.45	....	....	2,722.95
<i>Antillian Union</i>	9,637.35	744.20	38.00	73.00	10,492.55
Guatemala-Salvador	....	22.70	....	43.35	66.05
Honduras	15.00	57.40	245.65	10.50	328.55
Mexico	3,290.00	145.30	....	....	3,435.80
<i>Aztec Union</i>	4,315.00	216.00	245.65	53.85	3,830.50
Atlantic Colombian Mission	47.30	64.50	2.50	....	114.30
Central Colombian Mission	7.50	30.20	....	....	37.70
Guiana	3,583.85	147.90	....	....	3,731.75
Leeward Islands	....	73.80	....	....	73.80
South Caribbean	....	42.30	....	....	42.30
West Caribbean	2,338.90	178.25	....	35.00	7,925.40
Venezuela	7,800.00	90.40	148.90	4.10	2,670.15
<i>Caribbean Union</i>	13,777.55	627.35	151.40	39.10	14,595.40
TOTAL, two months 1926	26,719.90	1,597.55	435.05	165.95	28,918.45
TOTAL, two months 1925	13,540.60	1,699.90	130.35	147.05	15,517.90
Increase	13,179.30		304.70	18.90	13,401.45
Decrease		101.45			

COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR'S SALES

	Antillian Union	Aztec Union	Caribbean Union	Inter-America
Sales Jan. and Feb., 1926	10,492.55	3,830.50	14,595.40	28,918.45
Sales Jan. and Feb., 1925	2,793.75	5,144.60	7,578.65	15,517.90
Increase, first two months	7,698.80	1,314.10	7,016.75	13,401.45
		(Decrease)		

SOMETHING FOR YOU

Very few of the members of our MESSENGER family can attend the General Conference, where delegates from all parts of the world will tell the thrilling story of the onward march of God's work on earth. But suppose it cost only \$2.75 to attend. Would you not go?

Well, for \$2.75 you may have the only full reports published of the General Conference session. And these reports you can keep in your possession and read over and over again and again the story of how God is finishing His work in all the world.

More than that; the *Review and Herald*, which will bring you all these good reports, will continue to come to you every week for one whole year. During the General Conference there will be four extra issues of the paper each week. These alone will be worth the entire subscription price; but for these there is no additional charge.

Think of it! For \$2.75 you may sit quietly in your home and listen to the remarkable stories that will be told at the Conference! And during the months that follow, you may hear roll out through the columns of that paper the echoes of that meeting, as well as the echoes of the onward march of God's work on earth.

Surely you cannot afford to get along without the *Review and Herald* this year. Order at once through your church missionary secretary or through your tract society.

YOU ARE WANTED!

At the West Caribbean Training School on Sabbath, February 13, in our study of the Sabbath school lesson, the following questions and answers were given:

"Where are we in the history of the world?"

"In the eleventh hour."

"Who are called to labor in the eleventh hour?"

"We."

"Why is the call so urgent?"

"Because the laborers are few and the harvest wasting."

"When did the eleventh hour begin?"

"About 1844."

"What time is it now?"

"Almost 12 o'clock—almost time for Jesus to come. We are reminded of the statement in volume nine, page 14, which says that the prophecy of Daniel eleven has nearly reached its complete fulfillment."

The previous Sabbath, February 6, we had a really wonderful meeting. Fourteen desired to join church by letter, most of whom were students, and fourteen by baptism. We now have thirty in the baptismal class. In fact, we have had to divide the class; and Professor Stone has taken one while I have the other.

Our hearts rejoice to see these young people prepare to answer the urgent call to service during the closing moments of the eleventh hour.
F. W. HALLADAY.

OPPORTUNITIES IN CURACAO

[Extracts taken from a letter to Elder Andross]

My wife told me that she wrote to you with reference to the work here, but I wish to state what I found upon my return, and what is being done to keep up the work. She has been giving several Bible studies on Sundays and one on Thursdays to a company of about twelve. She had just begun to hold public meetings on Sunday evenings in a hall. The attendance was about fifty when I came home.

Then on Friday evening a group of six or eight gather for consecration and social meeting. These keep the Sabbath, and attend the Sabbath school together with perhaps three or four others. There are ten who have begun to keep the Sabbath. Some of the Friday

evening class have begun to pay their tithes, and are bringing others along also.

I regret to say that one lady who was convinced of the Sabbath before I left on my recent trip, and with her daughter has been keeping the Sabbath, is afflicted with an incurable disease. She desires baptism before I leave again, as she does not expect to live until I return.

The cashier in the bank asked me the other day if I expected that we would have our headquarters fully established here this year. When he learned that the other union workers would not be here for six months, he said in a rather disappointed way that we might not get our work well started until next year.

UNION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

May 9-15

ANNUAL COUNCIL OF DIVISION COMMITTEE

May 16-23

WABASH VALLEY SANITARIUM

Lafayette, Indiana

IMPORTANT MEETINGS

The annual meetings of the Antillian, the Aztec, and the Caribbean union committees will be held at the Wabash Valley Sanitarium, located near Lafayette, Indiana, May 9-15.

Following this meeting the Inter-American Division committee will hold its annual council at the same place May 16-23.

This will be the first time since the organization of the division that the entire field will have been fully represented in our annual councils. Very important matters, vitally affecting the interests of the work in this division, will be given careful, prayerful study during these meetings; and we earnestly solicit the prayers of all our brethren and sisters throughout the field that the Holy Spirit may be present in all our councils in a very special way, imparting wisdom, directing in every decision, and presiding in every meeting.

Vast fields, till now unworked, are opening before us, clearly revealing the opening providences of God, and pointing the way to a much larger work than we have yet undertaken. To meet the needs of the hour new enterprises must be launched; new methods of labor that will enable us to quicken our pace in our onward march must be inaugurated; a new and strange power, that will carry profound conviction to the hearts of the people, and enable our missionaries to mightily move them to obedience to God's holy commandments, and prepare to meet their coming Saviour, must attend the labors of God's servants henceforth in far greater measure.

In all our assemblies, around our family altars, and in our private devotions let us unitedly pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit in great power.
E. E. ANDROSS.

He is the chief of the lodge, and one in the delegation that promised to furnish assistance for a school.

A lawyer, connected with the same bank, and his family are perhaps our best friends here. The Thursday evening meetings are held in his house with all his family present. One of the other regular attendants is the son of the governor of one of the other islands.

On the whole I have not heard of such good prospects for the building up of a strong constituency under energetic effort in any other part of this union as there is now at Curacao. I regret that my work takes me away for such a long time. We hope that a permanent minister may soon come to take advantage of the favorable openings.
C. E. KNIGHT.

OUR WORKER'S REGISTER

Brother and Sister C. E. Wood arrived in Cristobal, Canal Zone, March 4. Pastor Wood is Home Missionary Secretary for the Inter-American Division. We most heartily welcome these fellow workers, who have been giving themselves unstintingly for the advancement of the message in Jamaica; and as we pray that God may greatly prosper them in their new field of service, so we seek the Father's special blessing on Brother and Sister W. J. Hurdon in leading the slender line of workers struggling ahead heroically with the last message of mercy in Jamaica.

A letter from Pastor C. B. Sutton, Home and Field Missionary Secretary of the Caribbean union, asks us to send his MESSENGER to Kansas for a few months. He has given more than seven years of faithful, untiring service in the tropics and now with his family is enjoying a little change in the homeland.

Brother G. D. Raff writes from Colorado, where he has spent several months, that he is longing to be back in this field pressing forward again with the colporteurs in the Antillian Union; where he has had charge of the book work.

Brother M. A. Altman, whose health failed in the Bahamas last year, and who is now recuperating in Colorado, writes that he is able to work several hours each day.

Venezuela has long been waiting for Sister Anna Hansen to join her staff of workers. We had the pleasure of having her with us in the division offices for a few days the latter part of February when she was enroute to her new field. Sister Hansen came from California where she had been working among the Mexicans. She has also spent several years in the southern part of South America as a Bible worker and nurse.

During the first days of March the division office was favored with visits from fellow workers from our sister division south of us. Pastor G. E. Mann, of the Lake Titicaca mission, is returning because of the ill health of his wife who preceded him some months ago. We regret that these young people must retreat from their field; but pray that others may 'leave all' and step into this vacancy. With Brother Mann is one of our Missionary Volunteers who is going to the States in search of further training for service.

Pastor A. H. Field, who has been in charge of one of the stations in the Lake Titicaca mission, with his wife and little daughter are also returning to the States. For seven years they have been working in the high altitudes, and are hoping for a short stay in the homeland that they may return to their chosen field of labor.

Another pleasant surprise was a visit from Brother Fredrick Holder on his way back to Ohio after spending several months with his son, Pastor J. L. Holder, who is in charge of our work up in Costa Rica.

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