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## THE INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION AND UNION COUNCILS

It was a very happy decision that brought together about forty workers in the genial Wabash Valley Sanitarium, Lafayette, Indiana, May 9-23. Elder C. E. Knight and I were the first to arrive, and as we were swiftly borne along the charming valley road all nature seemed to join in the ecstasies of kindly welcome.

The trees, not long since sombre with their dark and destitute branches, were dressing in the regalias of springtide. Birds, whose songs of praise revived sweet memories of long ago, seemed to echo our exclamations of adoration, and to express our thoughts in chirp and warble. Puffy-tailed squirrels peeped from behind the branches, and the cunning rabbit stood erect with ears all spread as if to ask our names. The hills were clothed with golden green verdure, interspersed above with the pink peach blossoms, the white promise of apple, pear and plum; while the ground beneath was carpeted by soft and new grass decorated profusely with violets, buttercups, strawberry-blossoms and the cultivated tulips.

We forgot the pain experienced in transferring from the tropical heat to these colder regions as our eyes feasted on so much beauty. The once turbulent waters of the river near the sanitarium now peacefully reflected with tranquil tide the surrounding decorations that composed the setting of our temporary new home.

The sanitarium staff were ready with kindly words and cheerful smiles to greet us and show us our quarters; and though the gathering rapidly increased, filling so many rooms, and making demands for strenuous work, in household and kitchen departments, they were always equal to the occasion. We gratefully congratulate the management for its fine achievement in organized hospitality, and the workers for their prompt and thorough attention to the exacting additions to their regular labors.

The Daily Bible studies in our union and division councils were vital and inspiring. The reports from the fields that form the vast coastline of the great Caribbean were reports of triumph. God has transformed places where have been waged the bloody conflicts of a thousand unholy pirates into a harvest field where the victories of redeeming love are gathering abundant sheaves for the Saviour's joy when He shall come again. Everyone was convinced that the Inter-American Division now ranks as a most fruitful field; and with suitable men and abundant consecrated effort, will take its place among the wonders of divine grace when Jesus shall see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied.

The councils, too limited for time, and too important for hurried or unconsidered action, were not completed when closing day came. They were to be concluded during the General Conference meetings by calling a daily meeting during one of the regular intermissions. God has blessed abundantly in our council and we confidently expect greater things from Him as we turn our faces homeward from this important gathering. HERBERT J. EDMED.

## THE BAHAMAS

In the Bahama Mission, composed of many islands with a population of sixty thousand, we have four churches with a membership of 120. Thirty-two have been added to the church during 1925, and there has been a steady growth in nearly all the funds. One young people's society has been organized; one church building is nearing completion, and another baptismal class ready for baptism.

We have only three foreign workers, and the secretary-treasurer also teaches a church school of more than forty members. We look forward hopefully to the time when we shall be able to answer the many calls coming in, and when our membership shall be greatly increased by many others being brought to Christ.

Our field is hard to work because of the usual hindrances and the difficulties in travel from one island to another. We must go by small sailing boats without any of the comforts of civilization. We must sleep on the open deck: often among sheep, goats, and hogs. Often we travel thus for days, unprotected from sun and rain. The water and food is often poor and insufficient.

However, regardless of all difficulties, we are of good courage. The people here make loyal Adventists, when properly instructed, and we are very glad to go on with the work in Christ's name, knowing He will reward our efforts in the last great day.

W. E. BIDWELL.

## THE CUBAN MISSION

There are about three million people in the Cuban mission, the greater part of which have not yet heard the message for these last days. The 500 believers that have been baptized, represent only a small part of what we might have done, had we had at our command more workers and means to carry on a greater evangelistic campaign. Last year we had the privilege of baptizing 108 believers. The many calls for help that are constantly coming to us indicate clearly that the Providences of God are going before, opening the doors, and preparing the hearts of the people for the Third Angel's Message.

The small number of workers, which are scattered over the six provinces of Cuba, and in the Isle of Pines, are able to do only a small part of the work that should be done. We are putting forth special efforts to interest our lay members to help in the great task that lies before us. We have a loyal people,—men and women who are anxious to see the message carried to every city and town in the Republic. They are sacrificing their means for the finishing of the work in all the world. Many of them are willing to dedicate their time and energy to the giving

of the truth to their friends and neighbors.

The hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of literature that our faithful colporteurs have placed in the homes of the people in Cuba is doing its appointed work. Recently we had the privilege of baptizing six people whose interest was first aroused by one of our colporteurs. Others also are studying the message and will soon unite with the church as the result of the distribution of our truth filled literature. Not long ago one of our colporteurs met a lady that had for some time been greatly dissatisfied with her religious experience, and had been praying that the Lord would send His messengers to her home. She fully believed that God has a church upon earth that is teaching the truth. As the colporteur was explaining the book to her she remarked that she had been praying for some time that the Lord would send the truth to her home. The colporteur not having time to stay and conduct Bible studies, went on his way, and the lady continued to pray that the Lord would in some way reveal to her the truth and the true church. The colporteur was impressed to make another visit to her home, and if possible to conduct some Bible studies. He did so and she became fully convinced that God had answered her prayer, and had sent His messenger with the heavenly message. She greatly appreciates the truth and is preparing herself to unite with the remnant people of God.

In all of the departments of our work in Cuba we see progress. In the Sabbath school department the Lord has blessed. At the present time we have forty seven Sabbath schools. During the last four years \$18,863.84 were given for missions through this department. The tithes and offerings for the last four years were \$84,243.19.

Notwithstanding the terrible financial crisis through which Cuba is passing, our people are liberal with their means, and are anxious to see the message finished. We are also thankful that we have been able to add another department to our work,—the medical department. We hope that our work in the metropolis and in the other large cities of Cuba will be greatly benefited by this branch of the work.

C. V. ACHENBACH.

### RE-OPENING OUR TRAINING SCHOOL AT AIBONITO

After two years and two months of uncanny silence that seemed to enshroud

our mission property at Aibonito, it was a great relief to us to hear the schoolrooms once again ring with the voices of human beings and to see the hill once more awake under the eager step of young people gathered together to prepare for the Master's service.

Professor Mangold and family arrived in November of last year. No time was lost to get everything ready for the opening of the school. The faculty was organized under the leadership of Professor Mangold, who teaches the major subjects, and who has also the management of the school. Professor L. B. Smith teaches English and is in charge of the farm; Sister Mangold teaches the music classes and Sister Baasch volunteered to fill the place of preceptress and matron till other arrangements can be made.

The band of students is small, only thirteen in number, but they are all of the best class of young people. The sacrifices and efforts made by them in order to get to school are sufficient proof that they have come for a purpose and that the burden of souls is on their hearts.

Two of the girls had worked and saved for two long years, though they had no certainty whatever as to when nor how the school would open again, in the hope that they would get an education. Their toil and patience have not been disappointed and the opening day found them in their coveted place, happy and contented. I could not help but think that those rude classroom seats were their thrones, conquered by honest and painstaking endeavor.

Two of the other girls had, likewise,

worked many a day gathering together the necessary amount,—dime by dime and quarter by quarter. Sister Leo Odom has given much of her time to instructing and coaching these girls, urging them on and on until finally the goal was reached.

Another girl was able to pay only part of her scholarship, but she is improving every opportunity to slip away to sell some of our smaller books and the *Centinela* to keep her account in good shape. The Lord is blessing her and she is continuing her studies successfully, paying her way.

Still another girl came to us from the public school. Her mother had saved and toiled for months in order to have the tuition for her girl prepared the day school would open. This good mother is still continuing her efforts, spending practically all her time selling our literature that her daughter might be able to return the following year to continue her studies. During the summer months, or vacation, the daughter will join her mother in the good work.

The four boys, working on the farm and in the bakery, enable the school to keep up the "three meals a day" system. That their efforts are successful is shown by the figures registered on the scale when weighing day comes.

We are glad to be able to report that so far not one case of the slightest indisposition on the part of the students has occurred. The Lord has kept the school in excellent health of body, mind, and spirit. To Him be the praise.

H. E. BAASCH.



School property at Aibonito, Porto Rico.

## GOOD NEWS FROM HAITI

Haiti has a population variously estimated from 2,500,000 to 3,000,000. Though the country is primarily catholic the constitution provides for religious liberty and several protestant mission boards are operating in the field. The Advent message has been proclaimed there for the past twenty years with a marked measure of success. Through the years we have felt deeply the need of a training school for workers and about three years ago a school was begun in a small way. We are happy today as we regard the bright prospects before this institution and we believe we shall soon see staunch young men and women leaving its doors to stand in important places as the work pushes on to its close.

The foreign and native workers alike feel that God has set his hand to finish the work in Haiti and that the days of the latter rain are upon us. The preaching of the Word seems to be attended with a great power and interests are springing up and souls are deciding for the truth for this time in every section of the field. The sick are healed and devils are cast out. Persons who have served evil spirits all their lives and have never before known peace of heart and joy of soul are today finding sweet relief in Jesus and are looking forward with happy hearts to His blessed return. About three hundred are in the baptismal classes at present and many of them are now ready for this sacred rite. We have a membership of 826 and our goal is to pass the 1000 mark before the end of 1926. Workers and laymen are putting their shoulders to this task with united hearts.

W. P. ELLIOTT

## HOW SEVEN WERE WON

I am glad to pass on a word of encouragement from Jamaica to the readers of the *Messenger*. Although far from my field of labor, enjoying the privileges and blessings of the association with my brethren assembled from almost every corner of the earth here at the General Conference at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, I am happy to say that every letter I receive from home informs me that the work is onward in Jamaica.

Some weeks before leaving the island we organized a Sabbath School In-gathering Campaign in the city of Kingston. We erected a tabernacle in the churchyard to accommodate the already overcrowded church in that city. I am informed that this building now accommodates over one hundred as a result

of the campaign. I am certain that a large work can be done in that city, although we have already a membership of over six hundred. If we can possibly secure the necessary help while here at the General Conference, we will set our goal for one thousand members for the city of Kingston.

Elder Fletcher writes of an interesting experience as a result of the Layman's Missionary Movement in our Port Antonio church. A brother there who has no education, but whose heart is filled with the Spirit of God, was given a portion of the mountain district to work. He purchased some tracts and started for a district far up in the mountains to scatter the printed page. Later he returned to talk with the people about the things that they had read. As a result of the faithful labor of this brother, seven were baptized and walked fifteen miles to attend service every Sabbath.

Elder Fletcher recently visited these people in the mountains and found twenty more keeping the Sabbath and asking for baptism. Before leaving, he organized a Sabbath school of fifty-two. How many more such districts are waiting for some faithful brother who will visit them with this blessed truth!

I am glad to report that a large percent of our converts in Jamaica are won by the faithful efforts of our laymembers.

W. J. HURDON.

## SANTO DOMINGO

The island of which the republic of Santo Domingo is a part was discovered by Columbus on his second voyage to the new world. He was later made governor of the island, but was sent back to Spain in chains because of the jealousy of his enemies. There still stands the ruins of the building in which he was imprisoned, and also of a structure built by his son, who later was governor of Santo Domingo. The casket said to contain the remains of Columbus is in the cathedral of the capital city.

The country is for the most part sparsely settled, having less than 1,000,000 inhabitants,—a condition due perhaps to the many revolutions that have swept over the country. The people are very patriotic and are firm believers in their ability to work out their own salvation. The priests, hoping to continue to dominate in all religious matters and prevent the people's leaving the Catholic religion, brand all those who do leave the church as traitors to their country.

Our work began a number of years ago as a result of literature that was distributed, and of personal work done by Brother C. N. Moulton; but it was not until January, 1924, that Santo Domingo was organized into a separate mission. At present there are six organized churches with a membership of 200 and a Sabbath school membership of 260. Last year the churches raised \$1,500 for the support of our mission schools, of which we have six with seven teachers and approximately 400 children.

As indirect results of one of our schools, came one of our best churches. A fine concrete building has been erected for church and school purposes.

Two years ago we opened a school in Pimentel. At first some opposed the work, but when the students from our school received higher grades at the county examination than had ever been given in the city before, our school gained the favor of all the people; and now our teacher is preparing teachers for the public school.

About a year ago we were invited to visit a neighboring town, and when we arrived we were asked to hold a service in the evening. However, before the service began, the house was showered with stones. Immediately I closed the door on the side from which the stones were thrown so as to protect the people who were present; for sometime before in another city a stone came through the door and cut a great gash in the head of a young lady that was attending the service. I had no sooner closed the doors than a young lady of a prominent family arose, opened the doors, and stood in the doorway, saying: "Let them throw stones if they wish." Later this young lady accepted the truth and was recently married to one of our teachers.

About a year after the incident just mentioned above, the town officials sent us an invitation to open a school, promising that they would furnish the buildings necessary and to give such helps as they could. And further they said if we would send a minister they would cease to go to hear the priest. We sent a teacher but had no minister to send. The teacher holds a meeting each week, presenting educational and historical themes; and in this way has had opportunity to present much of the truth. The interest is growing and should be followed up with perhaps a regular series of meetings.

Our colporteurs have placed a large number of books in our field, and a number of the people are already rejoicing in the truth as a result.

We need an educational man, who has the Spanish language, to help our teachers to organize thoroughly their schools and to improve them in other ways; for our teachers have not had opportunity to study our methods and to receive all the preparation that they should have to carry on the work in the best way.

WILLIAM STEELE.

### CENTRAL MEXICO

God's leading hand is clearly seen in the work of carrying the gospel in the Central Mexican Mission. From our past experiences in this field we know God is with us, and His truth will triumph.

One of our native evangelists suffered quite a little persecution at the hands of the priest and an enraged mob. Some of our literature was taken from him and burned while he was mistreated; nevertheless God has some honest hearts in this village.

When our native evangelist holds meetings in a village, practically all the people come out to attend these meetings. At the close of such a series usually there is a delegation from a neighboring village telling him that they are waiting for meetings in their village. Despite the fact that there are many perils and dangers with which the enemy of souls tries to hinder this work, it goes on with leaps and bounds.

In one part of the field the magistrate of the village and most of his councilmen were baptized, and a strong church was organized. Now they are planning to erect a church building. They already have the grounds and expect to have the building finished by the end of the year. We are all of good courage.

H. J. WINTER.

### "HONDURAS FOR CHRIST"

In Honduras we have eight workers in the field. We were glad, indeed, to welcome Elder L. H. Olson to the work among the Spanish people of the interior. He is now busily engaged in language study. Our native worker in Juticalpa reports ten individuals ready for baptism, and he calls for help.

The Lord has blessed wonderfully our church school work. We have 300 pupils in four schools. In one place the public school had to close because all the children came to us. Our school alone has 140 pupils. We teach the truth from our own books and are able to live up to the requirements of the national school laws. In these Catholic countries we often reach the older people

through the children and young people.

E. J. LORNTZ.

### EL GOLFO MISSION

Dear to the heart of the shepherd is the welfare of the flock. The work in this mission has been in charge of Brother C. P. Martin since I was called to labor in Mexico City. He has labored there many years, first in colporteur work, then in giving Bible readings, and in preaching; finally as superintendent of the field. He had the burden of seven states in the north-eastern part of Mexico, with the assistance of only one foreign worker, Sister Gregory, who is acting as secretary-treasurer of the mission and doing Bible work in Monterrey, and two native workers.

Brother Ponce, the native minister, is doing pastoral work for several churches at the same time. His headquarters is at San Luis Potosi, in the vicinity of which he has several companies that have been raised up by the colporteurs. Brother Ponce is now laboring in Tampico where there is a fair-sized church and several companies in the vicinity. Many are very difficult to reach because there are no railroads or auto roads,—only mule trails.

Sister Vera, the native Bible worker, is doing a good work, although sixty summers have passed over her head. She has a way of getting women interested, and through them she has been enabled to reach whole families and to see them accept the truth.

Sister Gregory is struggling faithfully along in Monterrey, and is earnestly pleading for an evangelist because the men do not like to hear a woman preach; but her time is fully occupied and the influence is being felt, so we shall see the fruits soon.

There also is a great Indian work in this mission that has not been touched. The Indians are waiting for someone to tell them the sweet story of salvation. Who will go? Whom shall we send? My prayer is that the army of young people in our school's will respond.

CARLOS F. STABEN.

### IN MEXICO CITY

If our dear Brother Caviness, who labored there so long could see the meeting hall crowded Sabbath after Sabbath, he would see many whose eyes, long closed, had been opened to see the truth, and whose ears, long deaf, had been unstopped to hear the voice

of the Saviour, because of his faithful ministry. Surely, he would rejoice to know that his efforts were not fruitless. Truly, one must plant with hope and another reap with joy.

When we were obliged to close the meeting hall on Queretaro Street there was an attendance of from 100 to 150 every Sabbath. Sister Verduco, the native Bible worker, is very fully occupied giving on an average of thirty Bible studies a week, and making twice that many visits.

The work is going forward. Meetings are being held in a fine location.

CARLOS F. STABEN.

### THE HAND OF GOD IN SONORA

Within the last few months we have added new interests and new Sabbath keepers, who, a few months ago, were serving the world. At Mexicali we have a Sabbath school of 21, while a number of believers are scattered through Lower California and in several other places in our mission. There are also various interests among the Indians and the thousands of Chinese in this great field.

C. E. MOON.

### TEHUANTEPEC

Two of our workers in the Tehuantepec Misison, not long ago, visited the Indian village of Ixhautlan where we have had a small group of believers for some time. It was during the rainy season and the road, leading about four miles inland from the river bank to the village, was over knee deep with mud, making travel almost impossible.

Notwithstanding a continual down-pour of rain the little church building was packed to its limit with interested Indians as our brethren held meetings through the day, alternating the sermons with Bible studies. Although they were able to stay only one day, about seventy-five new believers pledged their obedience to all the Bible teachings. Twenty-five of these, after a little more instruction, were later baptized. Others, with many recruits, will soon be ready to receive this sacred rite.

In a certain village one of our workers, while conducting a series of gospel meetings, was taken prisoner by the soldiers and sentenced to be shot. This was due to the false reports of enemies who claimed that this brother was a rebel leader. With divine help this worker was able to prove his innocence shortly before the time set for his execution. He was liberated. Now about forty new believers in this village are preparing for baptism.

During the first three months of this year 112 persons were baptized and eleven churches were organized. And as a result of visiting, instructing, and reorganizing our Sabbath schools, the attendance has increased from 354 to 672 members. During the past five months six new companies have been added to our constituency. At the present time three church buildings are under construction. J. B. NELSON.



### RECONQUERING YUCATAN

Yucatan is the most southeasterly portion of the territory of Mexico. It was conquered by the Spaniards about four hundred years ago. With blunderbuss, sword, spear, fire, and priest, they subjugated the land and reduced the native Maya Indians to slavery. The religion of the conqueror was forced upon the unwilling slave, and the profession of it was more an escape from punishment than a free choice of uncontrolled will.

This bondage, politically speaking, continued until within recent years when, during what is known as the "Revolution" after the time of Porfirio Diaz, the power of the oppressor was broken. The Indian were freed from slavery but were unprepared to enjoy the legitimate fruit of freedom. Many have left the *haciendas*, seeking an easier living in the cities and towns. The abandonment of the farms has caused a corresponding decrease in production and a resultant decrease in work. As a consequence there is much poverty and the moneyed class fear to invest. The condition, therefore, of the native is not at all flattering, although it is better than it was before.

There is another redemption due the downtrodden people. This is, freedom from the superstition, the vice, and the immorality enjoined by and practiced under the Catholic religion. If there is one who doubts this statement, he has only to visit the Peninsula and see for himself the miserable condition of the people. Although this condition is not universal, it is very general.

The advance guard of the delivering forces arrived in the year 1907 when J. A. P. Green and the late S. Marchisio entered the field as colporteurs. In 1909 J. A. P. Green and J. L. Brown returned to the district and sold more of our good books. Two years later Brother Green led out in the colporteur work again and was accompanied by H. F. Brown and George Sanborn. Elder Marchisio returned about the year 1913 and sold our papers and small books.

It was not until the year 1924 that definite plans were laid to send the first detachment of workers to Yucatan. The workers chosen were the writer and family for evangelistic work. We, however, reconnoitered for eleven months in the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, after which we departed for the charge on the trenches of the enemy. Closely following came our Mexican colporteur and his wife, Brother and Sister Rafael H. Aguilar, in the latter part of June, 1925. In October of the same year Brother John A. Williams, of St. Thomas Island, came with his family to help in the colporteur work. We truly appreciate the help of these workers.

We were made very happy upon the arrival of Brother A. G. Parfitt and family, of Wisconsin, in March of this year. This makes our army of workers number eight. Small, indeed, is our force when compared with the hosts of the enemy; but God can save just as easily by few as by many.

The colporteurs have sold in the neighborhood of \$3,000 worth of literature, in addition to what we have sold personally.

Our Sabbath school membership has increased to thirty-eight. Besides these we count among our friends a goodly number of people who have not manifested as yet any open interest in our teachings. We are giving classes to about thirty young people and we hope to prepare some of these for work among the Maya people.

At the opening of our new hall in Merida, forty believers and friends were in attendance. In a town about sixty miles distant, twenty-seven people are calling for instruction in this message. In another town fifteen are waiting for a teacher of truth. There is also a group, mainly Koreans, who desire a Korean minister.

We solicit the prayers of God's people for our success, and would appreciate whatever other help may be rendered in a material way; for the needs of our field are many. C. G. BROWN.



### SOUL WINNING BOOKS

Since reporting to the MESSENGER, I have visited prospective colporteurs whose names has been handed in as being eligible for this line of labor for the Master, and desirous of obtaining the necessary training.

Last year \$37,000 worth of books were sold, or about 150% more than during the previous year. However, for the first three months of this year, the total is only \$5,400.00. This is due,

largely, to the fact that we are endeavoring to work on almost a strictly cash basis.

Very recently the plan was laid also for handling the book work in the seven different missions of the Mexican Union. Each mission will have its own tract society henceforth and thus each colporteur will be in closer contact with the head of his field. This will also encourage the idea of resident canvassing, and we are confident that much good will result from this arrangement.

Brother Isaac Cruz, who worked in the Sonora Mission three years ago with "The Great Controversy," is again in the same field canvassing for "The Home Physician," with good success. He tells of meeting many people who bought the "Great Controversy" of him. One man asked him, "Were you not here with a religious book before?" He said he was. Then the man said: "If we could have found you, we would have hanged you to the nearest telegraph pole." But the sentiment has changed greatly; and that very man has another good book now.

We are grateful to the Lord for the results we are now seeing especially among the Indians. The Lord has raised His hand to cut His work short in righteousness. The books that have been sold in this large field for the past twenty years are now bringing forth fruit among the Mexicans, and many are being baptized both in the Tehuantepec and Central Missions. We look forward even to better success in the near future. H. A. B. ROBINSON.



### PROGRESS IN COLOMBIA

At the recent division council which was held in Indiana, just prior to the General Conference, we had the privilege of listening to many reports of the onward march of the message in our territory; and I am glad to say that Colombia came in for her share.

For the three years of the existence of our mission, we are thankful to God that we can look to almost forty native brethren to join hands with us now in the giving of the message. The very first convert, Brother Antonio Redondo, that the Lord gave us has been very faithful in the work and has raised up a little church in Barranquilla already. Since 1924 he has been working on the Sinu river where by means of the medical and evangelical work many have become deeply interested in our work, and several well-to-do families have promised substantial support to the cause.

This same brother has also made it

possible for us to have a chapel in his home town. The municipality offered him a lot free if he would buy one. This he accepted, and now we have our first mission-owned chapel and school in this republic. He constantly sacrifices for the cause of God and does all in his power to win souls. His daughter Carmen is conducting a successful day school in connection with the work of her father.

Many of the people are convinced that we have the truth in spite of the fact that other Protestant missionaries strangely misrepresent our work. Last February two earnest believers were baptized. For all these blessings we are thankful to the Lord of the harvest.

Our work is onward in Bogota. The Sunday evening meetings we are conducting are well attended. In January we witnessed the baptism of a young man who has secured his release, rather providentially, from the army. He is determined to enter one of our schools that he may be able to prepare himself for the furtherance of the work of God. Two other believers are awaiting the sacred rite which will unite them with the church of God.

Our Sabbath school in the capital has an average membership of fifty. Four members of our Missionary Volunteer society have completed the Standard of Attainment course.

There are more openings coming to us than we can fill. Several months ago a telegram was sent to us through one of the leading dailies from a town located half a day's journey on horseback and where a serious riot had taken place between the Catholic and the non-Catholic factions. The paper contained this information:

"The Reverend Pastor of the Christian Church of Adventists, Bogota:

The people are wounded. Priest instigated riot; send us a missionary. We accept your teaching; we promise to pledge loyalty."

In our Harvest Ingathering effort a number of leading people have asked us to establish schools among them. The educational advantages are all in the hands of the Catholic church, therefore thousands of parents are aware of the spiritual darkness that awaits their children.

Recently Brother Redondo answered a call to visit a group of believers in the northern part of the republic. As soon as the news of this plan became known, the entire village armed with clubs, knives, and firearms, headed by the priest and the mayor, proceeded to prevent the coming of the "heretic" who dared to defame their holy reli-

gion and their sacred soil. We appealed to the governor for protection, but were denied. Simultaneously our petition was made to the minister of the interior; but he feared the influence of the clergy. Finally we thought it best to be satisfied with having instructed many of the best families, even though it had to be done behind barred doors.

For two weeks our native worker was in danger of losing his life. How much it would mean to our work if that section could be entered by a trained nurse! Many will open their doors to us as soon as we can stem this tide of opposition. This region will place us in touch with about 50,000 Indians. Truly, the future of the work in Colombia is as bright as are the promises of the Lord.

E. M. TRUMMER.

### GUIANA MISSION

I am glad to report progress in the Guiana Mission. The Lord has gone out before us in a remarkable way. For this we are very thankful.

On the western side of our field, in the Pomeroon district, Brother Carrington is opening up a new mission station. Although he has been very busy erecting a temporary meeting place and a little home to live in, he has commenced work already. He has organized a Sabbath school of twenty-four members, part of whom were formerly Sabbath keepers. There is also a good interest among the East Indians in a nearby locality. Already we have two organized churches on the Pomeroon river.

Spiritism has caused quite a stir on the west bank of the Demerara river nine miles from Georgetown. This effort on the part of fallen angels has been made directly on our little company there. Elder Henriques has begun a series of meetings near that place and there is an excellent interest shown by many. We hopefully expect good results. The public press in Georgetown has some very stirring articles on the subject of spiritism, and they quote from Seventh-day Adventist books to sustain their position.

The brethren at Wismar are making a decided effort to finish their church. Before the writer left, they had on the ground sufficient material to complete the building. I am glad to report that the workers at Bootooba also have made essential improvements in their mission surroundings. Brother J. N. Luckhoo has charge of the school work,

and a good interest is shown by all in that line of work.

The church building in Georgetown is unable to house the large Sabbath school membership. We are perplexed to know how to care for our increasing numbers.

Elder Riley, at Rose Hall, fourteen miles east of New Amsterdam, is doing a good work. His first report to me stated that eight had embraced the message, and just before I left for the General Conference, I received the good news that thirty-six had taken their stand for the Bible Sabbath. This has brought courage not only to Brother Riley but also to those who have been long in the way.

We are all of good courage and confidently expect great things of the Lord in our efforts to further His work in the Guianas. D. C. BABCOCK.

### THE LEEWARD ISLANDS MISSION

The work is onward in this mission, and the Lord is daily giving us evidence of the power of the message we bear to all people. The latest reports from our workers reveal that many have been added to the remnant church through solemn baptismal services.

Just before leaving Antigua, in answer to an appeal, we held an open air service in the village of Willikie's. The night was very dark with no street lamps to illuminate the rough roads. Nevertheless people came from all parts by hundreds, bringing their chairs on their heads. The Lord seemed very near to us that night, and the people showed their appreciation by asking us to come again soon for another meeting.

Only recently in this same village a sister sent for us to study the Bible with her. We held a study with her once each week until she decided for the truth. Her husband who was supported by the Anglican priest, opposed her. He plead with her and even held mass in her house in the hope of taking her from us. But God's truth, when it reaches a heart, holds, and she stood firm. I baptized her, with ten others, a few weeks ago in a solemn meeting. Since then the interest has increased and we expect to follow it up when I return from the States.

The rapid growth of our work in the French Islands will soon become embarrassing unless we can secure some help for Elder Giddings. Brother Charles Brown has been placing successfully our literature in hundreds of homes, and its power is manifesting itself already. HERBERT J. EDMED.



**SOUTH CARIBBEAN**

Eighteen persons were baptized May 23 at Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Since our last report the \$2,000 Harvest Ingathering goal of Brethren Yip, Rickard, Shakespeare, and the writer, has been more than reached.

The young peoples' week of prayer is being enjoyed by the young people of our conference.

On account of failing health, Brother Shakespeare has found it necessary to return to the States.

Elder Warner is starting a series of evangelistic meetings in the north end of the island of Trinidad, and Elder Wood is commencing meetings in the southern portion of the island. Brother John Roberts is conducting an effort at Brother's Road in the central portion of the island. D. D. FRICH.



**THE WEST CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE**

The prospects for the work in the field are very encouraging, for the Lord is blessing it. Interests are springing up in several places where we have done no work during the past.

In the republic of Panama there are several tribes of Indians, many of whom are still in their semi-civilized state. Although the government has reserved the right to permit only the Roman Catholic church to teach or evangelize them, the Indians are calling to us to send them a missionary.

Several weeks ago one of our brethren went to visit the Talamanca Indians, who received him with great joy. The brother stayed with them for several days, teaching them what he could. When he was ready to leave they cut palms and strewed them before him as he walked. In this way they showed their appreciation of his short stay among them. The chief is now waiting for us to send a worker among them to teach them the gospel.

Our Spanish work is also growing. Soon we shall have in the field several workers who speak the Spanish language,

and we expect to see splendid results from our efforts among the Spanish people in the conference.

At the completion of the Panama church, Elder E. E. Andross held a series of Sunday night meetings. Several hundreds listened attentively each night. As the result of that effort, quite a number have promised to obey the truth.

At the end of August, this year, the West Caribbean Training School which is located on the Canal Zone, near the city of Panama, will graduate its first academic class. Several of the young people who finish their work there this year have already been called definitely into the organized work.

The Lord has seen fit to bless abundantly the conference both financially and spiritually so that aside from buying needed equipment for the school we will be able to purchase two large pavilion tents which will be fitted out for the work in the conference during the next dry season. Let us pray for the finishing of the work.

W. R. POHLE.

**VENEZUELA**

Dear Reader:

I wish to pass on to you a little news from Venezuela. First of all, we are of good courage in the Lord and are pressing onward to the time when this truth, which we love, shall triumph.

Toward the end of the last year we baptized fifteen persons in Caracas, and now we have several more who will be ready soon for this sacred rite. This fruit is the result of a series of meetings conducted in the city by Elder L. V. Cleaves.

We are glad to report that our colporteur work is growing under the leadership of Brother Fred Steeves who has given his life to this branch of God's work in Venezuela. We feel that with Brother Steeves at the helm we shall be able to render even a better report at the end of this year than we did last year. Two of our men walked three hundred miles to attend the institute

last year. They are very successful colporteurs.

Elder Cleaves is in San Fernando de Apure now in the interests of the work. He is endeavoring to complete the new church building we started there about two years ago. I hope that when this goes to press, our believers in Camaguan will be in their new church building.

We have started a church school in Caracas in our chapel, for we have no other place; but we are hoping that we may be able soon to get a place in which we can teach our children, who, although compelled to go to school, are turned out of the public schools because of their religion.

We need more workers in Venezuela. For these we pray while hoping that it will not be long before we shall be able to train our own workers and teachers.

L. J. BORROWDALE.

**ON FURLOUGH**

Since coming to the United States we have enjoyed a good visit, and it has been a pleasure to meet those from whom we have been separated for a long time. With all the pleasant experiences we have enjoyed, we have not forgotten our dear brethren and sisters in the Caribbean Union, and trust that all are of the best courage.

Upon my return to Thayer, Kansas, which had been my home from childhood, I found those not of our faith very much interested in the work of foreign missions. At their request a meeting was held on the afternoon of March 21, when I presented to them the work that is being accomplished in the Caribbean Union along missionary lines. There was a deep interest manifested on the part of the people, and the town hall which was lent free of charge for the meeting, was seated with about two hundred and fifty people. Since then several have become interested in knowing more of the message which Seventh-day Adventists are carrying to the ends of the earth.

Brethren and sisters, let us be of

good courage in these closing hours; and let us determine to do all we can to help finish this great work in the earth. The day of probation is hastening on and soon it will be too late for us to carry this message to others. May the Lord help us to work and pray, and to do all we can until that great day will have come. Soon the largest General Conference will be held, and the delegates of that meeting will come from all quarters of the earth. The fare of all will be paid and free entertainment will be enjoyed by all. Every Seventh-day Adventist member will have the privilege of attending this heavenly gathering. I trust that all in the Caribbean Union are making thorough preparation and have no other plan in this dark world of sin.

C. B. SUTTON.

#### BAPTISM

Number of baptisms reported by the Conferences and Missions of the Inter-American Division for the first three months of 1926:

Bahama .....	3
Haiti .....	14
Jamaica .....	25
Porto Rico .....	1
Tehuantepec .....	112
Gulf .....	15
Central Mexico .....	35
Leeward Islands .....	35
South Caribbean .....	26
<i>Total</i> .....	286

#### VISITING HAITI

Everywhere I visited the churches the buildings were far too small to accommodate the people, and hundreds stood outside. I went on horseback to Poen and it was wonderful to me to see the interest of those people. I greatly enjoyed my visit there, although I was fourteen hours on horseback for the first time in my life. I visited Jacknel; here too, the church was packed and people stood by the hundreds in the street. I spoke in St. Mark, Grand River, Bahon, LeTrous, Leogrande, Le Cape, Port au Prince, and other places of which I do not remember the names.

I have visited other fields but I have never seen anything that was so crowded and congested as the Sabbath schools and church services in Haiti. In one place a rainstorm came while I was speaking and many of our brethren and sisters standing outside, being unable to find room inside, had to go home.

I felt my time was altogether too short, but pressing duties required my presence back in the East, but I trust that my visits were a blessing and an encouragement to our people and the workers. It surely has won my sympathy and support for Haiti and I will do all I can to help the work along.

L. E. PASSEBOIS.

#### PLYMOUTH, MONTSERRAT, B. W. I.

The work is having an interesting and hopeful outlook. The church building is of stones and we have finished the walls and the two gables. It is a splendid building, fitly representing our work, though yet unfinished.

We are now trying hard to get on the rafters, and because of the high winds and hur-

ricanes, the boards are placed on the rafters first, then the shingles, or galvanize next. It is 26 x 40 with a 2-foot 6-inch wall at the base and from the floor to the beam it is 18 inches thick right up to the gables. We are aiming at having it strongly built so as to stand the high winds that blow here very often.

We had a baptism of seven a few weeks ago and glad to say that we have another class ripening for the near future. The interest is very encouraging, urging us to the early completion of the building.

Our Harvest Ingathering campaign was launched last Sabbath with a great deal of enthusiasm. The young people were diligent in having a share, too, and we are led to believe that a real success will be ours this year.

Our health is much improved, for which we are very grateful to the Lord. Remember to pray for us.

J. A. REID.

#### ANTIOQUENA MISSION

I have received a letter this morning from Brother Urbina, one of those two men who went so far to find our mission, in which he sends \$4.46 "tithes which the undersigned renits for the church of God, to date," and signs himself, "Luis E. Urbina C., Seventh-day Adventist." Somehow I liked the ring of his short note. His letter looked as though it had been opened and then pasted up. I understand that the postmaster and priest exercise a censorship over his correspondence.

Brother Redondo reports encouraging progress where he is laboring. Since I came here he united in marriage Brother and Sister Castro, (Brother Castro is the other of the two men, the one who came with Brother Urbina) who have moved from their native village, and also baptized them. He now says he has four more candidates for baptism. I shall take a run over to Santa Marta some of these days and see if I can encourage Brother Rosas to get married and be baptized.

E. W. THURBER.

#### OUR MARY

Dark-skinned is our Mary. She came to us at a time when we needed somebody to do a man's job—cleaning up the school buildings, inside and out—preparatory to opening the institution. Since no man appeared on the scene, and Mary came and offered herself, we employed her; and she has been with us ever since.

Mary can neither read nor write. The thing that has made us love her is her faithfulness, not only in the big things which require her strong willing arms, but in all the little things which require the willing heart. Mary's grandmother is an Indian woman who has handed down to her something of the strength and beauty of her race. She is strong and well built, with kind features and bright observing eyes.

When she came to us, Mary knew nothing of the love of Jesus. She did not know that He had died to save her; but behind that dark skin was a heart that proved to be fruitful soil for the gospel seed. Mary began to come into contact with our young people whose lives are consecrated to God. She heard them testify to the love of Jesus, and, little by little, His love took possession of her own heart until one night the final victory was gained. There was not a dry eye in the room where and when Mary, in broken accents and with tear-choked voice gave her first testimony for Jesus. From that time on she has grown in grace; and we are encouraged and inspired when we hear her earnest petitions in behalf of her family.

The young people teach her Bible verses which she learns so gladly. Her earnest desire is to learn to read so that she may study

the Bible for herself. Mary is at it were, the "firstfruit" of the work done by our young people at school; so she seems very precious to us. Others are interested, but Mary is won and desires to be baptized soon.

MRS. MARGARET BAASCH.

#### NEWS NOTES

Elder George C. Nickle, wife and baby, from California, spent four days on the Isthmus recently between boats on their way to Bogota, Colombia, where Brother Nickle will take responsibilities in connection with the work in the Central Colombian Mission.

On his return home from the General Conference, Elder C. E. Kriehoff of Montevideo, Uruguay, a pioneer in the work in South America, called on the workers at the Inter-American Division office and also at the West Caribbean office and the Pacific Press in Cristobal. It was a privilege to visit with Elder Kriehoff and catch the inspiration he feels concerning the continued development of our work in the great South American continent.

Elder L. L. Hutchinson and wife, who for the past seven years, have been stationed in Honolulu, Hawaiian territory, arrived in Cristobal on July 26 to join the force of workers in the West Caribbean Conference. Elder Hutchinson has served as superintendent of the Hawaiian Mission; Sister Hutchinson has been active in teaching, in the giving of Bible readings, and assisting in various missionary campaigns. These experienced workers are heartily welcomed to this field. Elder Hutchinson will connect with the work in Colon and Cristobal.

Dr. and Mrs. H. V. Clymer of La Loma, Salvador, were recently obliged to give up their medical work there due to a sudden break in the health of Dr. Clymer following a very severe strain in saving the life of one of his patients. After spending a few weeks with Mrs. Clymer's parents, Elder and Mrs. F. W. Halladay at the Training school on the Canal Zone, they have gone to the States with the hope that the change and rest will enable Dr. Clymer to fully regain his health. He made encouraging progress toward recovery during the time spent at the Ancon hospital.

For lack of space we must omit the summary of book sales from the Pacific Press Branch at Cristobal for the month, also the *El Centinela* circulation report. In book sales a gain of \$8,967.80 is shown for the first seven months of 1926 as compared with last year for the same time, the total sales to date amounting to \$75,872.95. During the past year our Spanish magazine, *El Centinela*, has gained in circulation approximately 2,500 copies a month. Of the July issue 12,000 copies were circulated. Sales are going well; subscriptions are coming in, and there is every reason for the circulation of *El Centinela* to climb steadily. It means a loyal earnest cooperation throughout the field. However the efforts are bringing results, and the magazine with its saving message is going into the homes of thousands of non-Adventist people.

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