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## How Shall We Stand in the Judgment?

This is court week in heaven. The case of every soul is about to be decided for eternity. Slowly but surely, the pages of heavenly records are being turned while the irrevocable decree that determines the destiny of men and women for whom Jesus gave His precious life is being pronounced. The solemn moment when your name, dear reader, and mine will be called, and from the revelations made by those inerrant records the final decision for weal or for woe, for life or for death, will be reached for you and for me. Before the assembled hosts in the heavenly courts our adorable Redeemer, with joy inexpressible or with unutterable sorrow will take our names upon His lips and announce the results of our own personal choice, whether it be for Christ or Belial.

How important then that we study carefully the following testimony which brings before us in such simple, yet graphic terms, this great theme of the judgment. As we carefully ponder these words let the prayer of David be our prayer: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Ps. 139: 23, 24.

"On the morning of October 23, 1879, about two o'clock, the Spirit of the Lord rested upon me, and I beheld scenes in the coming judgment. Language fails me in which to give an adequate description of the things which passed before me, and of the effect they had upon my mind.

"The great day of the execution of God's judgment seemed to have come. Ten thousand times ten thousand were assembled before a large throne, upon which was seated a person of majestic appearance. Several books were before him, and upon the covers of each was written in letters of gold, which seemed like a burning flame of fire, 'Ledger of

Heaven.' One of these books, containing the names of those who claim to believe the truth, was then opened. Immediately I lost sight of the countless millions about the throne, and only those who were professedly children of the light and of the truth engaged my attention. As these persons were named, one by one, and their good deeds mentioned, their countenances would light up with a holy joy that was reflected in every direction. But this did not seem to rest upon my mind with the greatest force.

"Another book was opened, wherein were recorded the sins of those who profess the truth. Under the general heading of selfishness came every other sin. There were also headings over every column, and underneath these, opposite each name, were recorded, in their respective columns, the lesser sins. Under covetousness came falsehood, theft, robbery, fraud, and avarice; under ambition came pride and extravagance; jealousy stood at the head of malice, envy, and hatred; and intemperance headed a long list of fearful crimes, such as lasciviousness, adultery, indulgence of animal passions, etc. As I beheld, I was filled with inexpressible anguish, and exclaimed, Who can be saved? who will stand justified before God? whose robes are spotless? who are faultless in the sight of a pure and holy God?

"As the Holy One upon the throne slowly turned the leaves of the Ledger, and His eyes rested for a moment upon individuals, His glance seemed to burn into their very souls, and at the same moment every word and action of their lives passed before their minds as clearly as though traced before their vision in letters of fire. Trembling seized them, and their faces turned pale. Their first appearance when around the throne was that of careless indifference. But how changed their appearance now! The feeling of

### Appeal for Reapers

*O men of God! These are the last, last hours;  
Before us, all the whitened harvest field,  
Unreaped, untouched by sickles such as ours.  
This closing message will a harvest yield,  
If we, His messengers, in zeal proclaim  
The everlasting gospel in His name.*

*O men of God! Jesus our Priest awaits  
On high to close His ministry; to take  
His crown as King of kings; to ope the gates  
Of heaven to all His ransomed ones; and shake  
The powers of heaven; to wake the sleeping dead;  
Receive His kingdom as its kingly Head.*

*O men of God! These are the last, last hours  
Of time. Eternity is drawing near.  
A lost world's doom should wake our drowsy powers  
To deeds of valor in His name; and clear  
Our title to a starry crown to wear;  
Enjoy the mansions Jesus will prepare.*

*O men of God! These are the last, last hours  
When mercy waits the sinner. Shall we sleep  
In ease till all is lost? Or pray for showers  
Of latter rain to fructify and keep  
Our labors strong in spirit, win the lost  
To love our Lord, regarding not the cost?*

*O men of God! These are the last, last hours  
When labors count and bring a rich reward.  
In yonder danger lines the heavenly powers  
Unfurl His blood-stained banner, we to guard!  
Who'll follow where the Master leads the way?  
Go, reap in every land, while lasts the day.*

—I. H. Evans.

security is gone, and in its place is a nameless terror. A dread is upon every soul, lest he shall be found among those who are wanting. Every eye is riveted upon the face of the One upon the throne; and as His solemn, searching eye sweeps over that company, there is a quaking of heart; for they are self-condemned without one word being uttered. In anguish of soul each declares his own guilt, and with terrible vividness sees that by sinning he has thrown away the precious boon of eternal life.

"One class were registered as lumberers of the ground. As the piercing eye of the Judge rested upon these, their sins of neglect were distinctly revealed. With pale, quivering lips they acknowledged that they had been traitors to their holy trust. They had had warnings and privileges, but they had not heeded nor improved them. They could now see that they had presumed too much upon the mercy of God. True, they had not such confessions to make as had the vile and basely corrupt; but, like the fig tree, they were cursed because they had borne no fruit, because they had not put to use the talents intrusted to them.

"This class had made self supreme, laboring only for selfish interests. They were not rich toward God, not having responded to His claims upon them. Although professing to be servants of Christ, they brought no souls to Him. Had the cause of God been dependent on their efforts, it would have languished; for they not only withheld the means lent them of God, but they withheld themselves. But these could now see and feel that in occupying an irresponsible position in reference to the work and cause of God, they had placed themselves on the left hand. They had had opportunity, but would not do the work that they could and should have done.

"The names of all who profess the truth were mentioned. Some were reproved for their unbelief, others for having been slothful servants. They had allowed others to do the work in the Master's vineyard, and to bear the heaviest responsibilities, while they were selfishly serving their own temporal interests. Had they cultivated the abilities God had given them, they could have been reliable burden-bearers, working for the interest of the Master. Said the Judge, 'All will be justified by their faith, and judged by their works.' How vividly then appeared their neglect, and how wise the arrangement of God in giving to every man a work to do to promote the cause and save his fellow-men. Each was to demonstrate a living faith in his family and in his neighborhood, by showing kindness to

the poor, sympathizing with the afflicted, engaging in missionary labor, and by aiding the cause of God with his means. But, like Meroz, the curse of God rested upon them for what they had not done. They had loved that work which would bring the greatest profit in this life; and opposite their names in the Ledger devoted to good works there was a mournful blank.

"The words spoken to these were most solemn: 'You are weighed in the balances, and found wanting. You have neglected spiritual responsibilities because of busy activity in temporal matters, while your very position of trust made it necessary that you should have more than human wisdom and greater than finite judgment. This you needed in order to perform even the mechanical part of your labor; and when you disconnected God and His glory from your business, you turned from His blessing.'

"The question was then asked, 'Why have you not washed your robes of character, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb? God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that through Him it might be saved. My love for you has been more self-denying than a mother's love. It was that I might blot out your dark record of iniquity, and put the cup of salvation to your lips, that I suffered the death of the cross, bearing the weight and curse of your guilt. The pangs of death, and the horrors of the darkness of the tomb, I endured, that I might conquer him who had the power of death, unbar the prison-house, and open for you the gates of life. I submitted to shame and agony because I loved you with an infinite love, and would bring back My wayward, wandering sheep to the paradise of God, to the tree of life. That life of bliss which I purchased for you at such a cost, you have disregarded. Shame, reproach, and ignominy, such as your Master bore for you, you have shunned. The privileges He died to bring within your reach have not been appreciated. You would not be partaker of His sufferings, and you cannot now be partaker with Him of His glory.' Then were uttered these solemn words: 'He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still, and he that is holy, let him be holy still.' The book then closed, and the mantle fell from the person on the throne, revealing the terrible glory of the Son of God.

"The scene then passed away, and I found myself still upon the earth, inexpressibly grateful that the day of God had not yet come, and that precious

probationary time is still granted us in which to prepare for eternity."—"Testimonies," Vol. IV, pp. 384-387.

In this inspired description of the heavenly tribunal that is so rapidly drawing to its close, and that, whether we will or not, must speak the last word, fixing our eternal destiny, two thoughts are emphasized, enforced with all the power of infinite love—personal preparation, purity of life, heart holiness, and earnest, whole-souled, constant, sacrificial labor for others. Jesus is represented as appealing to us, presenting with the most soul-stirring eloquence, His own unparalleled sufferings for us as a reason why we should stand ready, if need be, to pour out our life-blood as a libation on the sacred sacrifice of faith in our labors for others.

While we wait for the final decree that will mark the end of mercy and the beginning of the execution of wrath upon the impenitent, let us each *Watch, Pray and Work.*

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### A COVERING

1. What was the purpose of the "cloudy pillar" and the "pillar of fire" during the wanderings of the children of Israel?

"Moreover Thou leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar; and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go." Neh. 9: 12.

2. Is there any scripture which indicates that it was a covering or protection to them?

"Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea." 1 Cor. 10: 1.

3. Is there any lesson for God's people to learn from this experience of the past?

"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." 1 Cor. 10: 11.

4. Will God again protect His people as He did in ages past?

"And the Lord will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night." Isa. 4: 5.

5. What indicates that this prophecy has a special application to the last days?

Isa. 3: 24 to Isa 4: 4 speaks of the shaking time, the judgment of the righteous, and the seven last plagues.

6. Will God again place a covering over His people?

"And the Lord will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for above all the glory shall he a covering." Isa. 4: 5 (marginal reading).

7. What will entitle individuals to receive this protection?

"I saw a covering that God was drawing over His people to protect them in the time of trouble; and every soul that was decided on the truth, and was pure in heart, was to be covered with the covering of the Almighty."—*"Early Writings," p. 43.*

8. Will some professed Christians stand outside the covering?

"I saw some who were not standing *stiffly* for present truth. Their knees were trembling, and their feet sliding, because they were not firmly planted on the truth, and the covering of Almighty God could not be drawn over them while they were thus trembling."—*"Early Writings," p. 44.*

9. When will this covering be drawn over the remnant people?

"God has begun to draw this covering over His people, and it will soon be drawn over all who are to have a shelter in the day of slaughter."—*"Early Writings," p. 44.*

10. What must first be covered in the individual life to make one eligible to stand beneath this covering?

"Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered." Rom. 4: 7.

### BALANCED CHARACTERS

There are many statements in the Scriptures which indicate that a perfectly balanced character is required in all those who will inherit the everlasting kingdom. John says they must be "without fault." Paul, in speaking of the church says that it must be without "spot or wrinkle, or any such thing," and James points to the same standard when he says: "that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

While this is the standard, very few measure up to it. It is exceedingly difficult to find a perfectly balanced Christian. Many of us are strong upon some points, but we fall far short of the standard when the weak places of our character are placed in the lime-light.

It was the Creator's purpose that man should possess a symmetrical character, but man's policy of specializing has tended to throw him out of balance; and today there are few, if any, whose characters indicate the rounded outlines of the divine Pattern. We see this unbalanced proportion in the products of many schools of today. The mind is stored with knowledge, but the hand has not been trained to do the practical duties of life. The result of this unbalanced training is seen in failures all along the stream of time.

In the young man referred to in Mark 10: 17-22, we have the example of one who was almost balanced; but Jesus said to him, "One thing thou lackest; go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou

shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up thy cross, and follow Me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions." This young man had many good qualities, but he was selfish. Selfishness invariably results in withholding service, in withholding tithe, etc., and it will eventually cause God to withhold from the selfish the promised inheritance.

The life of Jesus was beautiful in its symmetry and balanced proportion. He was meek, but He boldly enunciated right principles to the hypocritical scribes and pharisees. He was patient, yet careful in little things as the folded linen in Joseph's tomb indicated. Study His life carefully and you will discern a character that was balanced in every way. He is our Pattern. It is God's plan that we should be "conformed to the image of His Son," and He has provided a way by which this transformation may be accomplished. No patched-up character will stand the test. There must be a renewing of the mind.

We recently noticed by the wayside a huge pair of balances which were used to weigh log-wood. It caused me to think of the unerring balances of the judgment. The time of the testing of characters is at hand, and all will be weighed in the balances of the judgment. In that great decisive day, character will be revealed as it is, and no veneer will cover weakness and deficiencies. The time to remedy deficiencies in character is before the balances of the judgment pass condemnatory sentences. "Tekel" may not be inscribed in letters of fire upon the walls of the heavenly sanctuary, but it undoubtedly will be written with the indelible pencil of the angel on the pages of the heavenly ledger, opposite the names of those unprepared.

The same page will reveal the reason for the judgment decree; but no censure will be uttered against the One who passed the sentence, although words of regret and sympathy may be heard concerning the debarred ones. Friend may say to friend, "John is not here because of that weak place in his character; is it not too bad?" or, "Mary has not inherited the kingdom because she did not gain the victory over impatience."

The Scriptures emphasize in a most definite way that victory will not be gained or character perfected unless we allow Christ to come into our lives and hearts to effect the transformation. "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ." 2 Cor. 2: 14.

A description is given to us of some of the weights that will be used with

the balances which are to decide eternal destinies. "For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son." Rom. 8: 29. "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." Rom. 8: 9. No weighting of the garments will accomplish this. There must be a change of garments—the acceptance of the garments of Christ's righteousness which He offers to every man.

Study carefully some of the tests of the heavenly examination: "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Eccl. 12: 14. "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." Matt. 12: 36. These tests of the judgment should cause serious consideration in the mind of every judgment-bound soul.

"It is possible to be a partial, formal believer, and yet be found wanting, and lose eternal life. It is possible to practice some of the Bible injunctions, and be regarded as a Christian, and yet perish because you lack qualifications essential to Christian character."—*"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 405.*

"It is a solemn thing to die, but a far more solemn thing to live. Every thought and word and deed of our lives will meet us again. What we make of ourselves in probationary time, that we must remain to all eternity. Death brings dissolution to the body, but makes no change in the character. The coming of Christ does not change our characters; it only fixes them beyond all change."—*"Testimonies," Vol. V, p. 466.*

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### VICTORIES IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Truly the Lord is showing forth His power in this field. One of our brethren became demented shortly before our general meeting in February. Brother Williams, one of our workers saw the brother and advised the family to seek medical aid; but they stated that they had given the case over to a man that had charge of him when his mind was deranged before.

After the conference, Brother Williams found the man worse. Upon further inquiry about the man that had charge of him, Brother Williams found out he was a Spiritualist; and that when he took charge of the case, he stated that the man's mental breakdown came because there were many evil spirits in the house and that they would have to give up their religion before the young man would get well.

Brother Williams at once began to present to the members of the family the true situation of the case, and requested that they join him in prayer to God for the young man's recovery, that every day they present the matter to God, the great Healer. Then Brother Williams left, promising to return in about a week to conduct a special service in their house and to join with the entire church there in a day of fasting and prayer. When he left the young man was tied hand and foot; but on the day of Brother Williams' return, the sick brother was the first one to meet him and he was perfectly well again.

The enemy, however, is not satisfied and has aroused certain members of the household to oppose the truth. One of the brothers of the healed man has given orders that no more meetings are to be conducted by Brother Williams in the home. Yet, we feel that truly the enemy has been defeated, and God's truth has triumphed. We hope that this manifestation of God's power will cause some others to take their stand for the saving message for these days.

In my contact with a large number of people during our Harvest Ingathering campaign, I was truly convinced that the time has come for a strong evangelical campaign throughout our field. Many are feeling and asking for something that brings satisfaction to their troubled hearts. There is nothing that can remedy the defects of the soul save the glorious message of pardon and sanctification that God has given to us to give to the world.

As workers we long for a fuller manifestation of the Holy Spirit in our lives so that the angels can use us with greater power for soul-saving.

C. V. ACHENBACH.

IN THE BAHAMAS

Recently I spent a few days with the Deep Creek church after a voyage of five days. Often I watched the stars as they shone in all their beauty and thanked God I could witness for Him in these sin darkened islands. While at Deep Creek, I baptized seven fine people; and another class is preparing for baptism. Several of the brethren who had been out taking sponge, had come in the day I reached there, so all members were present at the meetings. God's Spirit came in and touched our hearts.

I came home from Deep Creek on a little two-and-a-half-ton sloop heavily loaded with cargo. There were two persons aboard; we were crowded, but I enjoyed the trip. It only took two days and one night that time.

Brother G. W. Lawrence is in so much better health that he has decided to return to Long Island to take up the work there again.

A nice class of about twelve signed the covenant at the close of Brother Lawrence's tent effort here in Nassau. These I expect to baptize in a few weeks, when they thoroughly understand all points of the faith.

I am planning to leave for a run of nearly three hundred miles to Crooked Island. Sometimes the east end of Cuba can be seen to the west on that island, I am told.

We have a number of calls for meetings which we hope to answer. The hot weather is beginning, so for the next four months we can expect to have continual heat day and night; however, we notice the heat less this year than last, and all are well.

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TIME TO ADVANCE

Since the close of our West Caribbean Conference session in March several interesting things have taken place.

Immediately after that meeting Pastor L. L. Hutchinson erected the large tent again in Colon where another series of meetings was held. The interest up to the close was very good.

At Panama City an effort was made to secure a lot on which to place another tent for a Spanish effort. After quite a little difficulty and delay, we succeeded in securing a lot which was in a very prominent place.

On Sunday night April 24, we began the meetings and continued until Sunday night June 5. From the first night the meetings were well attended. The people seemed eager to learn the gospel truths for this time, and to read Bibles and the literature that we could supply. About seventy-five dollars' worth of Bibles and other literature was sold at the tent during the effort.

When the first appeal was made to the people to give themselves to the Lord and to keep all the commandments, almost all the congregation rose. On our first Sabbath meetings, twenty-eight new ones came out to worship with us. These and others have continued to come every night.

When we transferred the meetings to the church, we were gratified to meet

with seventy of those who had been attending at the tent.

Pastor J. A. P. Green assisted in these services. Brother Wallace Lusk directed the music and contributed further to the success of the work by holding Bible studies in the homes of the people. Sister Kathryn Haynal was our faithful and much appreciated organist. Sister Amelia Correa also has done good faithful service in Bible work and visiting. The special songs by Sister Harrison were appreciated by all.

This effort for the Spanish people is an evidence of what might be done in other places. We had no elaborate equipment nor a large corps of workers, neither did we do extensive advertising; but with earnest work, and the preaching of the plain, clear message with the presence of the Spirit of God, the effort was attended with success.

The hour has come, I believe, for us, as workers, to step into the opening providences of God in the Spanish work, for these people are responsive to the message for this time.

W. R. POHLE.

AMONG THE INDIANS

After eight days at home writing letters in English and Spanish, and counselling with Brother Jones over various matters, Brother Boehne and I started on our trip among the Indians.

Brother Boehne is a good traveling companion. He is well prepared for his work, and is so happy to be here. He can not get over thanking God all the time that he is here and is to work for the Indians.

Our hearts have been touched in view of the great work to be done here among these hundreds of thousands of Indians and the scarcity of workers. One lone worker and his companion for a million Indians of strange tongues. How much we feel our need of leaning upon the Everlasting Arm!

In all this great Indian section of Guatemala, there is not a church nor a company nor yet a single pure-blooded Indian believer in this message. There is one church in Quezaltenango of Spanish mixed blood, however, and one Indian family and a brother outside of this section. May God grant us a special endowment of His power and special wisdom as we launch out with the everlasting Gospel for these neglected people.

We do believe that God is leading and will lead us. We are beginning in weakness and are assured that God will give strength and prosper His Word. I never have felt so much my weakness and my need of leaning upon God. But

oh! how happy I am to sink self out of sight and to be led of God. My consecration is complete, nothing do I withhold. Success is promised and certain, though the battle be hard and long. I recognize my personal frailties and weaknesses and inability, but thanks be to God for this message: "My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness." 2 Cor. 12:9. From my heart I appeal to you not to neglect this great field.

ELLIS P. HOWARD.

Sabbath.

Not the least encouraging thing to me was that I found Mrs. Thurber, not worn out with the extra work, which comes upon her when I am away, but feeling stronger than ever. That relieves me greatly, for should her health give way, it might mean the end of our service in Spanish America; and neither of us wishes that to happen. We desire to stay here till the work is finished.

E. W. THURBER.

aeroplane?" Of course, I supposed that everybody except the driver would either be seasick or frightened nearly to death; but he very enthusiastically informed me that he sold three small books, "Marked Bible," "Today and Tomorrow," and "Steps to Christ," and that he could have taken an order for a large book had the man lived within range of delivery. Verily, the truth is "flying" in Central Colombia.

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IN ATLANTIC COLOMBIA

No Protestants were found in Sincelejo, when Brother Moisés Valdés arrived there early in March, but it had been canvassed repeatedly for Bibles, and our own books, so the people were somewhat prepared for the gospel messenger.

Just before I went there, Brother Valdés held some Bible studies, and when I came there a deeply interested group was already studying. I held six meetings during the week of my arrival with an attendance of from 75 to 500. I soon saw that there was a call for a real series of studies on all points of our faith. So I went to Ceréte, and brought with me Brother Redondo, and together we preached all our points of faith.

It was a source of much joy to us to see people come right out of Catholicism, leave off their ornaments, and tobacco, and pork, and start in doing missionary work for their neighbors and friends. I first arrived there April 29, and left May 31, at which time ten had accepted the truth, and there were prospects of more new members. While we were holding this series of meetings, Brother Valdés canvassed the Sinu valley with excellent success. He had many blessed experiences. For all this we praise the Lord, who is richly blessing the work in this part of the field; and we rejoice that we are permitted to labor for Him.

On returning home I found several tokens of progress: The church school had increased its enrollment; more were attending the Sabbath school; three persons had recovered from illness in answer to prayer; and one brother, who was baptized in April, had given Bible studies to his fellow workman who had promised to keep the Sabbath. He was present at the Sabbath school last

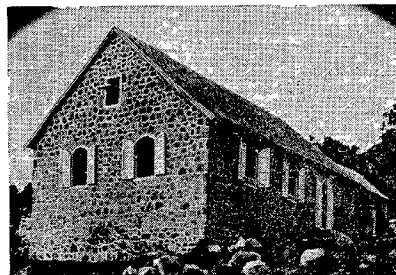
SELLING BOOKS IN AEROPLANE

Recently one of our colporteurs here in Colombia was called upon to make a trip in an aeroplane from the city of Bucaramanga to Puerto Wilches, and his description of the experience was so interesting that I thought it would be well to pass it on to the readers of the MESSENGER.

To make this trip by land is very dangerous because of the fever infested district through which one must pass; but somebody had to go to Puerto Wilches to receive a shipment of books and make arrangements for its transportation back over the mountains to Bucaramanga. After counting the cost and taking into consideration the dangers involved and the time needed in the two ways of making the trip, (it would require five days by mule back and forty-five minutes by air), it was decided to ride the air. Brother Eugenio Plata volunteered to go, and here are a few sentences from the description he wrote while riding in the plane:

"At 4:20 p. m., April 3, 1927, we left the station, ascending two thousand meters. Reaching a high altitude all the trees of the mountains seem like one big cup. To the east the river Lebrija is slipping away like a snake. Flying horizontally I feel as if I were on terra firma, but when we encounter vacuums I feel as if I were going to tumble down."

In talking with Brother Plata about the flight, he asked me, "Would you suppose I could sell any books in the



The new church building recently dedicated in Montserrat.

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MONTSERRAT

This little island has been excited the past few days anticipating the dedication of the new church building just completed by Pastor J. A. Reid. When the day arrived, vehicles that were licensed to carry twenty-five persons were rushing forty packed passengers up and down the steep hills and around the thrilling curves on the four mile ride to the church. Our members voluntarily chose the standing room outside the building, so as to make the visitors comfortable; and when the service began the building was packed and great numbers were outside. It was stated that we had the largest gathering ever known in this island.

Pastor Reid in speaking said that the building had cost \$1,523.00, \$600.00 of which had been donated by the conference. The church had contributed \$54.00, besides much of the labor; and donations from friends enabled him to hand over the building for dedication free from debt. Splendid selections of music were rendered by the choir led by Sister Reid; and a collection taken brought in \$19.20. The address and dedicatory prayer by the writer seemed to be much appreciated.

Since coming to this island, I have given a Bible study each evening on the subject of true conversion. The Spirit of the Lord has manifested His presence on several occasions, but on Sabbath last there was a special shower of blessing. During the study, which was simply a quiet talk, hearts became melted, weeping and sobbing punctuated sentences until it was very evident that the Holy Spirit had gotten into hearts in a very decided way. Quietly, and free from all excitement, men, women and youth searched their hearts and confessed as the Spirit of God reminded them of sins. The testimonies were

pecific. They told of family reunions, and of the forsaking of some of the worst forms of sin.

How thankful we all felt, that in these days when the close of probation is so near, the Lord is gracious to us and helps us to find the way to victory! How sad to feel that in these solemn hours there are members in our churches that keep a day but know nothing of the rest in Jesus that brings victory to the wayward, struggling soul! We are truly grateful to God for these tokens of divine favor.

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HELP FINISH THE WORK

Last Sunday we dedicated a neat new church built by our believers at Ixhauan. It is a very respectable adobe house with a galvanized tin roof. We have about seventy members in this church though the average attendance at the Sabbath and Sunday services was about 135. The Sunday before we organized a new company at Calzada of about eighteen Sabbath keepers.

This makes the ninth new company we have organized thus far this year. Under conditions make it possible, we expect to organize at least one more or probably two before May 15. Our Sabbath school membership has grown from about 350 to over 1,000 during the last sixteen months. We hope and pray that the Lord may continue to bless richly His work in this mission. At present our churches and companies in this mission number thirty-four; and it is very probable we shall have about forty by the close of the year, and our Sabbath school membership will be around 1,500. The great question facing us is the need of more workers to take care of interests springing up in new districts and to open up our work in practically unentered states. We need at least two men at once to open up our work in the two states of Interior Chiapas and Oaxaca. Churches here that we can visit only once a year because of time and expense are suffering for lack of attention, and the souls of interested groups are being lost because we have no one to send. Our present force of laborers is being overworked to take care of the more local growth in their respective circuits.

Another great question facing us is our Korean work. We have a fairly large number of these people in our

mission. We have one organized church of these people and some scattered believers through our other churches and companies. Many of these people, however, understand Spanish very poorly and cannot easily be reached and cared for by either our Mexican or American workers. They need a Korean minister very much.

One thing that has greatly helped to increase our work in this mission, despite unfavorable conditions, has been getting our laity to work for their neighbors and friends. By far the greater per cent of our growth has been due to their work. Thus our work has grown despite unfavorable anti-foreign laws. In our present institutes and conventions we are not only preparing and sending out new colporteurs, but we are also teaching all the church members how to do missionary work, gain souls, sell our small books and magazines; and we are urging them to devote all their available time in this work. This not only keeps the churches alive, but is fulfilling the testimonies, which say that when the church members arise to their duty and work with our ministry the work will be finished.

Please remember this little corner in some of your prayers and whatever can be done to help our urgent needs will be greatly appreciated and with God's blessing will yield a hundred-fold profit in souls.

J. B. NELSON.

"WE SHALL REAP IF WE FAINT NOT"

During the many years that the little monthly missionary paper *Las Señales de los Tiempos* was circulated by our faithful colporteurs all over this country, a large number of persons were interested in the gospel story. Since the paper was discontinued, many of them have missed its regular visits to their homes.

I have just talked with an intelligent railroad man who used to receive this paper and read it with interest. His father also bought a copy of "Home and Health," and he says that most of the good health he enjoys and the interest he has in exercise and gymnastics, are due to the first lessons learned from that book.

A Catholic bishop of one of the large cities here was visited by one of our brethren with the medical book. He was too busy to come down to see him but sent his secretary, who listened to the canvass and then took the prospectus to the bishop. The bishop signed for a leather copy of the book, received

it nicely, and then offered to help in any way possible to circulate more of these books. He also recommended it personally in the towns he visited from time to time.

Encouraging word has just come in from a brother who has worked two important towns where the "Great Controversy" was sold a few years ago. Most of the people, especially those in influential positions, like the books, and now ordered Bibles so they could study the truths presented in that book. We plan to give them a good opportunity to subscribe soon to the *CENTINELA*, that they may receive monthly instruction which will aid them materially in making a decision to obey the truth.

There are, without doubt, many more in all parts of the country studying the conditions and the fulfillment of prophecy. The religious controversy between the government and the church is opening the eyes of many, and making them investigate for themselves the real cause of such a revolution. And our literature is helping many to see the true light. We believe that many will take their stand for the truth in time. We feel sure that the literature scattered in years past is bringing forth this harvest.

H. A. B. ROBINSON.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPT.  
 C. E. Wood - - - Secretary

FOLLOW-UP WORK

Many individuals, perhaps for the first time, have had their attention directed to the Third Angel's Message by the books that have been distributed during the recent Big Week effort. Others have been influenced by the personal visits of the workers. The seed thus sown has been germinating, but it will need to be watered and cultivated to bring it to maturity.

To arouse an interest in eternal things is to assume a responsibility. To neglect this responsibility is to become guilty of the blood of souls; therefore, the worker who sowed the seed should not leave the growing plant to wither and die, but should nourish it carefully.

It is time to water the seed planted during the Big Week, for this is just the period when the enemy will make an effort to uproot it. Pray for heavenly tact and wisdom to lead souls into the glorious light of truth; and remember that the work of the soul-winner is faithful service and prayer. The Lord "giveth the increase."

WINNING ONE BY ONE

Men have tried many methods of winning souls to find the most successful way; but we may be sure that in following the example of Jesus, we are employing the most successful method. In "Christ's Object Lessons," page 229, we read: "He had a faithful regard for the one-soul audience."

Henry Clay Trumbull, who had a wonderful experience in soul-winning, indorses this method in the following words:

"Reaching *one* person at a time is the best way of reaching *all* the world in time. Reaching *one* person at a time is the best way of reaching a single individual. Therefore seeking a single individual is the best way of winning one person or a multitude to Christ. The world is made up of individuals. Christ longs for individuals to be in His service. Therefore he who considers Christ's love, or the world's needs, will think most of individuals, and will do most for individuals."

HARVEST INGATHERING IN CUBA

Although our campaign is not yet completed, I am passing on to the readers of the MESSENGER a report of our progress in the Ingathering work.

Notwithstanding the fact that our school is located near a very small town and quite isolated from any other populated centers, the aggressive spirit of those engaged in the campaign has produced results that are quite encouraging. Our goal was changed twice in order to keep it beyond our progress, and now it stands at \$200.00. We lack only about ten dollars of this amount. The Lord has blessed our efforts and has impressed many to give liberally. One man donated \$25.00, another \$50.00, and a number gave \$5.00 each. We are pleased with these results as they represent the first organized effort to raise funds for missions in this locality. The acquaintances and friendships we have formed give promise that we will do even better next year.

C. LAWRENCE POHLE.

Missionary Volunteer Department  
Mrs. E. E. ANDROSS - Secretary

EVERY MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER  
A MORNING WATCH OBSERVER

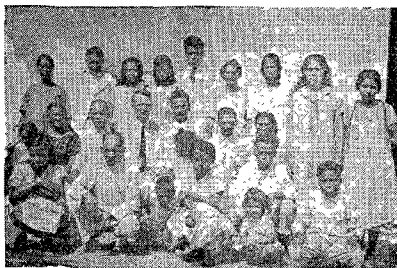
For 1927 Europe published the Morning Watch calendar in the following languages: Bohemian, Danish-Norwegian, Dutch, Finnish, French, German,

Hungarian, Italian, Lettonian, Polish, Rumanian and Swedish.

These are only a few of the many languages represented in the great Morning Watch circle. All around the world young people are pressing into this circle. They plead their cases in many tongues but seek strength for battling with their common foe and for pressing on in the same blessed work that is now so rapidly closing.

One thing is certain: We never can finish the work in our own hearts nor in the world without prayer. Then why are not 100% of our young people in Inter-America observers of the Morning Watch. The Morning Watch draws the young people around the world into one great prayer circle. Think of all their voices and hearts joined in prayer! What cannot such a band accomplish?

Our reports, however, indicate that only about 48% of our young people are members of that circle. Will you not be a recruiting officer to draw the young people around you into the great Missionary Volunteer prayer circle around the world? Let our own slogan be EVERY MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER A MORNING WATCH OBSERVER.



Group of believers in one of our churches in Honduras.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT  
J. A. P. GREEN - Secretary

STUDENTS!

If this short article finds you out in the field with a prospectus under your arm, then be of good courage, because you are doing the very work that God wants you to do today; for He has sent us this counsel:

"Let those who have been in school go out into the field and put to a practical use the knowledge they have gained. If canvassers will do this, using the ability that God has given them, seeking counsel from Him, and combining the work of selling books with personal labor for the people, their talents will increase by exercise, and they will learn many practical lessons which they could not possibly learn in school. The education obtained in this practical way may properly be termed higher education." —"Christian Education," p. 24.

It is not the school surrounded by

four walls that gives the "higher education," but the school with a field experience. Both schools are wonderful and necessary, but there are many "practical lessons" that can be learned only in the school of "higher education." We have learned to love this out-of-door school.

One salesman says, "More than one have I been offered field agencies and district managerships; but I have turned them down, one and all. I suppose the lure of the open road is in my bones. . . . I wouldn't sell what I've learned in the school of experience for a million dollars in bank notes."

"Ambassador," as set down in the dictionaries signifies, "an envoy of the highest rank sent by one government to another for the advantage of both. Truly our "colporteur evangelist" is an ambassador, sent from God with the last and greatest message ever to be delivered to man. He is the herald and harbinger of good things in the world. When he stops going, then it will be time for everything else to stop. But he keeps going—and he helps to keep all the rest going. He is ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary.

J. A. P. GREEN.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPT.  
Mrs. E. E. ANDROSS - Secretary

A RECORD THAT CHEERS

We have a Sabbath school that began with six members near the close of 1925. Three of them were prospective church members. The fourth quarter of that year they gave \$14.60. The next quarter there were seven members and their offerings reached \$24.07. The membership has been growing ever since.

About six months ago I visited this very interesting school, and talked with them about the Investment Fund. They took hold of the plan enthusiastically and the first quarter of this year they contributed \$13.50 to the Investment Fund.

This school holds the best record we have in Cuba in the matter of finance. The offerings of the members have averaged from 37 cents to 98 cents per member ever since the school was organized. All the church members that school have studied their lessons every day during the past quarter. One member has been faithful for a year. They surely have their first love and are doing splendidly. Their present membership is sixteen. Their attendance has always been over 100%, and their birthday offerings last year amounted to \$5.83.

MRS. J. A. LELAND.

A WORLD-WIDE PERMIT

Frank Prout, one of our colporteurs in Cuba, while canvassing in a small city, was visited by a police at his hotel. The officer began by commenting on the beautiful furniture for which Mr. Prout was taking orders. The brother explained that he was not selling furniture, but some very good books. Then he showed him "Great Controversy" and some small books.

Later in the day while about to take an order in a home, the same police, with a higher official, approached him. Brother Prout asked for time to finish the sale but was refused. They accused him of being the man who had taken orders for furniture, collecting in advance, and who had never returned to deliver the goods. Brother Prout was hurried off to the court-room where he was questioned by the chief of police.

After being released he went immediately to his room. An hour or so later he overheard the police ask the owner of the hotel, the name of the man in a certain room. The owner of the hotel had neglected to register the name of "Frank Prout," and fearing he would be condemned for his neglect, he gave the policeman a false name. They had already accused Brother Prout of lying, and now they were sure that they had the culprit, so they locked him up in jail.

Here he was again questioned as to his identity. He told them that he was from Jamaica; but they did not believe him. They insisted that he was a Cuban, and that he was speaking poor Spanish to deceive them. They would not accept the letters he had as evidence, but insisted that he show a passport if he was a Jamaican. He told them that he had a passport but that it was in his trunk at home. They gave Brother Prout to understand that he was under their authority till he could prove who he was. So after much questioning Brother Prout said that if they wished information for identifying him, they could wire to the chief of police of Matanzas, or Mr. W. H. England, the secretary of our mission.

Inasmuch as Brother Prout had answered all their questions in a kind way and had rightly conducted himself before them, they gave him liberty to return to his room in the hotel. This was Friday evening. Brother Prout rested easy that night. Sabbath morning about ten o'clock one of the police came over to the hotel and asked for Mr. Frank Prout. He gave our colporteur a hearty hand shake, and said: "Mr. Frank Prout, you are a perfect gentleman. We have found that all you told us was the truth. We have just received a telegram from the chief of police in Matanzas which reads: 'This man Frank Prout is not only authorized to sell books in Cuba but in two hundred and twenty other countries!'"

I might add, that a government official had called at our office in Matanzas, and in the absence of Brother England the office boy had shown the official something of the great work we were doing in all the world. He must have told the official the number of languages in which we are preaching and the number of countries in which we are working. So from his information the police made up his telegram. Now Brother Prout carries a world-wide permit to canvass in 221 countries.

The following week Brother Prout canvassed the men of the court and was successful in getting several orders from them. He needed no introduction. It pays to be honest and loyal to the One we serve. The colporteur who takes any advantages by misrepresenting things to deceive others, is misrepresenting and deceiving himself, and the cause he represents.

G. D. RAFF.

HELP US ADVANCE

"Advance. Enter new territory! Our watchword is to be, Onward, ever onward. The angels of God will go before us to prepare the

way." We are trying to carry out this order in our field. Brother Boehne and I have just returned from a twelve-day auto trip among the Indians. The Lord has led us and angels of God surely went before us to prepare the way.

In place of one, we need three mission stations among the Indians. But there is one special opening that should be entered without delay. In "Gospel Workers," page 134, we read, "Long delays tire the angels." We should have another couple, a first-class American school teacher, and a translator, at once. If you will place yourself in our place for a few minutes, you will see the great need.

I believe that we are about to begin a *great work* here! There is the opening and we should step into it in a strong way with proper help, and success is certain. If there is any way that we can get more help for this work, we pray that God may touch your hearts to give that needed help. If you could have been with us on this trip and seen and heard with us, your heart would be deeply touched. Is there not some way that additional help can be sent us?

ELLIS P. HOWARD.

WITH OUR FRIENDS

The June MESSENGER went to press a little too early to tell of the return of Brother and Sister H. C. Kephart and their little girls, Betty and Esther Jean. We are very happy to see their smiling faces once again in the Zone where they have given several years of faithful service.

Thursday, June 9, was a day of greetings and farewells in the division office. First we had the pleasure of greeting Miss Loretta Wood, daughter of Pastor and Sister C. E. Wood of the division staff, and Miss Jessie Ruth Evans, who is enroute to China to join her parents, Pastor and Sister I. H. Evans. She is spending a little time with her brother in the Canal Zone.

At night we bade farewell to Brother and Sister J. R. Ferren and their children, Lois and Dorothy. Brother Ferren has been in charge of the publishing house here in Panama for a year; and we were loath to part with him and his family after these pleasant months of joint service.

"I believe we have many Corneliuses here," writes Brother Trummer from the western part of Colombia; "But now we need Peters—workers who are in tune with heaven."

Shortly after Brother and Sister Shidler located in Aguadulce, Panama, he wrote: "We cannot begin to fill the openings here for giving the message."

Of the interest in the truth over in the Bahamas, Brother O. J. Lawrence wrote a short time ago: "It was decided to hold a series of meetings in a certain town. The welcome may be seen in the following words from Brother G. W. Lawrence's letter: 'One of our brethren offered land and electricity free. A stranger lent us all the lumber needed for making benches, and another offered other assistance.' We are very happy for all these tokens of interest."

Writing to the division office, Pastor J. A. Reid of Montserrat, said: "We are very grateful to the Lord for what He has done for us. Some time ago we baptized sixteen persons, and now we have a baptismal class of seven."

In a later letter, after speaking of the very interesting and profitable dedicatory service of the church there, reported in another part of this paper, he says: "When Pastor Edmed arrived, we began the series of meetings pre-

viously planned. The Lord came very near to us. On the Sabbath a signal victory was gained. Many came forward and pledged themselves to deeper consecration. There is a lively interest here and we are of good courage."

While taking a forty-five-minute trip in an aeroplane in Colombia recently, Brother Plata sold three books.

Once again Brother and Sister Greenidge are back in the great llanos of Venezuela. They have reopened our school at Camaguan, and it now has an attendance of more than 72.

Pastor E. W. Thurber sends this good word for *El Centinela*: "An influential lady of Cerete recently told Brother Redondo that her husband had been very much addicted to the use of tobacco, but now she is rejoicing that he has given it up. She says that the articles in *El Centinela* regarding the effects of tobacco, were the principal influences that led him to abandon the habit."

"We have a colporteur now in St. Martin," writes Pastor Edmed of Leeward Islands Conference," and it is reported that some persons have begun to keep the Sabbath there. Last week we had a visit from a brother from Aguilla. He told us of two men who are keeping the Sabbath on that island. One is a young schoolmaster. It is almost impossible for us to reach those islands, yet we will be obliged to do so before long as the work opens up. I wish we had a seaplane!"

Sister Belden of Norfolk Island tells in a recent letter of the joy that was hers when Brethren Stewart and McLaren with four Fijians visited the island on their way from the New Hebrides to Sydney. She says: "They stayed here all night, and after tea the Fijians sang three hymns for me. Of course I could not understand a word they said, but I could hear the music, and they are beautiful singers. Oh, what a joy it will be when the redeemed shall join in singing praises to God and the Lamb! I want to hear that song, and there we shall all understand, for there will be only one language."

"We seem to have come to the shaking time for the church in China, and it is a time of severe test for the believers," Pastor E. H. James wrote in a personal letter.

"Today as never before in the history of our island mission work," wrote Brother A. G. Stewart from Australasia, "we have opportunity in several places to press in and occupy some very promising fields. . . . What shall we say to these imperative calls?—Now, just now is the time to work in foreign lands."

The recommendations of general interest passed during the Inter-American Division meeting have been waiting for space in the MESSENGER; however, because of the many interesting reports from the field we are holding them a little longer. Look for them in the August number.

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