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“PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD”

The season of distress and anguish before us will require a faith that can endure weariness, delay, and hunger,—a faith that will not faint, though severely tried. The period of probation is granted to all to prepare for that time. Jacob prevailed because he was persevering and determined. His victory is an evidence of the power of importunate prayer. All who will lay hold of God's promises, as he did, and be as earnest and persevering as he was, will succeed as he succeeded. Those who are unwilling to deny self, to agonize before God, to pray long and earnestly for His blessing, will not obtain it. Wrestling with God—how few know what it is! How few have ever had their souls drawn out after God with intensity of desire until every power is on the stretch. When waves of despair which no language can express sweep over the suppliant, how few cling with unyielding faith to the promises of God.

Those who exercise but little faith now, are in the greatest danger of falling under the power of satanic delusions and the decree to compel the conscience. And even if they endure the test, they will be plunged into deeper distress and anguish in the time of trouble, because they have never made it a habit to trust in God. The lessons of faith which they have neglected, they will be forced to learn under a terrible pressure of discouragement.

We should now acquaint ourselves with God by proving His promises. Angels record every prayer that is earnest and sincere. We should rather dispense with selfish gratifications than neglect communion with God. The deepest poverty, the greatest selfdenial, with His approval, is better than riches, honors, ease, and friendship without it. We must take time to pray. If we allow our minds to be absorbed by worldly interests, the Lord may give us time by removing from us our idols of gold, of houses, or of fertile lands. . . .

Now, while our great High Priest is making the atonement for us, we should seek to become perfect in Christ. Not even by a thought could our Saviour be brought to yield to the power of temptation. Satan finds in human hearts some point where he can gain a foothold; some sinful

desire is cherished, by means of which his temptations assert their power. But Christ declared of Himself, “The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me.” Satan could find nothing in the Son of God that would enable him to gain the victory. He had kept His Father's commandments, and there was no sin in Him that Satan could use to his advantage. This is the condition in which those must be found who shall stand in the time of trouble.

It is in this life that we are to separate sin from us, through faith in the atoning blood of Christ. Our precious Saviour invites us to join ourselves to Him, to unite our weakness to His strength, our ignorance to His wisdom, our unworthiness to His merits. God's providence is the school in which we are to learn the meekness and lowliness of Jesus. The Lord is ever setting before us, not the way we would choose, which seems easier and pleasanter to us, but the true aims of life. It rests with us to cooperate with the agencies which heaven employs in the work of conforming our characters to the divine model. None can neglect or defer this work but at the most fearful peril to their souls. . . . The wrath of Satan increases as his time grows short, and his work of deceit and destruction will reach its culmination in the time of trouble. . . .

Only those who have been diligent students of the Scriptures, and who have received the love of the truth, will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive. By the Bible testimony these will detect the deceiver in his disguise. To all, the testing time will come. By the sifting of temptation, the genuine Christian will be revealed. Are the people of God now so firmly established upon His word that they would not yield to the evidence of their senses? Would they, in such a crisis, cling to the Bible, and the Bible only? Satan will, if possible, prevent them from obtaining a preparation to stand in that day. He will so arrange affairs as to hedge up their way, entangle them with earthly treasures, cause them to carry a heavy, wearisome burden, that their hearts may be overcharged with the cares of this life, and the day of trial may come upon them as a thief.—Mrs. E. G. White, in “Great Controversy.”



A glimpse of our new school in Trinidad.

A WORKER'S DAILY EXPERIENCE

A daily renewing of the new man needed: Yesterday's experience is not sufficient for today. A new experience is needed now. A daily dying to sin means a life of victory over sin. 1 Cor. 15: 31. We are to put on the new man. Eph. 4: 24. When? Col. 3: 10.

Daily conversion necessary: "Workers need a daily conversion, a daily fitting up for service."—*Review and Herald, March 1, 1906.*

Must be sanctified every hour: "We need to be sanctified by the Holy Spirit every hour of the day, lest we be ensnared by the enemy, and our souls be imperiled. There is a constant temptation to exalt self, and we must watch much against this evil."—*Testimonies to Ministers,* p. 223.

Daily self-examination needed: "There is need of a daily self-examination, daily humiliation, daily learning at the foot of the cross."—*Special Testimonies,* No. 2, p. 44.

"Self-examination must be thorough that there be no danger of self-deception. A little catechising of self on special occasions is not sufficient. Daily examine the foundation of your hope, and see whether you are indeed in the love of Christ."—*Testimonies,* Vol. V, p. 332.

Should be daily partaking of the divine nature: "Every day God's workers are to be partakers of the divine nature."—*Review and Herald, November 24, 1910.*

A daily baptism of the Holy Spirit necessary: "Daily He received a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit."—*Christ's Object Lessons,* p. 139.

"For the daily baptism of the Spirit, every worker should offer his petition to God."—*Acts of the Apostles,* p. 50.

We need a daily baptism of love: "During every hour of Christ's sojourn upon the earth, the love of God was flowing from Him in irrepressible streams. All who are imbued with His spirit will love as He loved."—*Desire of Ages,* p. 678.

"You need a daily baptism of the love that in the days of the apostles made them all of one accord."—*Testimonies,* Vol. VIII, p. 191.

Much prayer needed every day: "Those who do not learn every day in the school of Christ, who do not spend much time in earnest prayer, are not fit to handle the work of God in any of its branches."—*Testimonies to Ministers,* p. 169.

Must be daily consecration: "However complete may have been our consecration at conversion, it will avail us nothing unless it is renewed daily; but a consecration that embraces the actual present is fresh, genuine, and acceptable to God."—*Steps to Christ,* p. 70, (pocket edition).

C. V. ACHENBACH.

GUARD YOUR HEALTH, NO. 3

(Part of a talk given in the medical meeting during the West Caribbean Conference biennial session.)

Would you put sticks, stones, refuse, and so forth into an intricate machine to get heat and energy? "No," you say; and yet many of us would put almost anything into our bodies. But if we wish our bodies to give us the best service, we should put into them only clean, pure food, which will give us heat and energy.

If we wish a plant to grow up healthy and strong, we see that it has plenty of fresh air, sunshine, and water; but are we always as careful about our bodies?

I fear we are a little negligent at times. Many of us have our daily household duties that give us the exercise necessary to health; but we forget to get out into God's own sunshine, as we should; and so many ills lurk around us as the result.

We should be out with nature as much as possible, away from the noisy city, where we can enjoy the pure air and sunshine. Have you ever, after a hard day's work, gone down to the beach or into some open space, and breathed deeply of the pure air? There is nothing like it to give a new hold on life. It expands the chest, clears the brain, relaxes the muscles, and it improves the circulation.

We can also help our respiration by walking and standing erect. By correct posture we increase the capacity of the lungs. By standing erect we have more courage to meet the obstacles around us. Our worries decrease, and our brains become clearer. The blood stream is stimulated and purified, and the circulation is improved; and better circulation means better digestion, and better digestion means a better disposition, and a better disposition makes us better Christians, and better Christians are an encouragement to those around them, and help them to live more noble lives.

Do you know that the plants breathe? They do. Our bodies also breathe through millions of little pores in the tender skin. The plants often breathe air laden with dust and countless germs; so God causes the dew and rain to descend to cleanse the plants of these impurities. Our bodies also are accumulating wastes, and these wastes are constantly being thrown out through the pores of the skin in the form of perspiration. How important it is that we should keep the pores cleansed by bathing daily with clean water and soap. It is also of vital importance that we keep our hands, when not immaculately clean, away from our mouths; and, further, that we keep the ever lurking germs out from under our finger nails, for it is through the hands that many of the diseases are carried to the mouth and into the system.

Did you ever stop to think that you are in possession of many precious pearls? They are kept in the storehouse of your mouth. How carefully we should guard these precious jewels, and keep them clean and polished. In these days, when so much of our food is soft, we need the brush and salt water to keep them sound. We would not part with our pearls, would we? However, if we neglect caring for them daily, we may be forced to part with them,

As Seventh-day Adventists, we have a great work to do in helping the people about us to live clean, pure lives; and the first essential is to live such lives before them. People judge us, not so much by the standard we talk about, as by the lives we live. Let us live up to these standards and let our motto be: "ON TO HEALTH AND HAPPINESS." MRS. J. A. LELAND, JR.

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PRESSING INTO NEW PARTS

In the northwestern part of the Dominican Republic, the Lord has been working in a special way to bring the honest in heart to a knowledge of the truths for this time. Years ago while studying their Bibles, some were impressed by His Holy Spirit that the seventh day is the Sabbath, and that they ought to observe it. They began to keep it, and when the Third Angel's Message came to them, they embraced the whole truth, and today are members of our church.

That part of the republic is very much behind in civilization, and in the facilities of modern life. The people are very poor; and many of them have not had the privilege of obtaining an education. The large majority cannot read, and children are growing up without receiving an education. Only in a very few places does the government establish schools. This condition of illiteracy makes our work of preparing the believers to become members of the church quite difficult. It requires time and patience to teach them to understand the message in all its principal points. However, some are quick to comprehend the gospel message.

Some parts of the country are sparsely settled. There are only a few roads where an automobile can go. Most of the traveling is done on horseback. Our workers there have to spend a great deal of their time in the saddle, going from one place to another, attending to the interests that have sprung up in different places. Our work is scattered over a territory extending about twenty miles from our main station, or church. The two workers that are located there have their hands full continually.

Nearly all the people there are willing, and many of them anxious, to listen to the preaching of the word of God. A few days ago we visited a family and studied the Bible with them.

The lady of the house expressed the desire that she might soon possess a Bible. She has learned to read recently. Her son also knows how to read a little. We assured them that they should have a Bible soon and also instruction as to how to read it.

We have reasons to believe that hundreds in that part of the republic would listen gladly to the preaching of the word of God. A few months ago the writer conducted a service in a new place, in a private house. Without much effort in announcing the service, we had seventy-five persons present. All expressed their appreciation of the privilege of hearing the Bible explained. They gave me a hearty invitation to return, and continue the services. Since then, services have been conducted in the same place, and with the same interest on the part of the people.

C. V. ACHENBACH.

A PALM LEAF CHURCH

Some time ago we started to preach the message out in one of the suburbs of Ponce, Porto Rico. We built a temporary little church (out of palm leaves), which accommodates fifty or sixty persons. One Sabbath afternoon Mrs. Kinzer and I organized a Sabbath school there under the palms. Now we conduct a service every Tuesday night with an attendance of over a hundred. We hope to have a church there soon.

Recently we closed a two weeks' revival in the Ponce church. All during the time we had a good congregation, and a great interest was shown. We thank God that on the last Sabbath of the series of meetings, we were permitted to baptize, in the sea, six new believers. There are several more with whom we are studying and praying, and with the help of the Lord we are confident that we shall reach our goal of ten brought into the truth ere long.

Every day we thank God for the great privilege of having a small part in the finishing of this message. Surely the finish is very near. Although we are young, God has blessed us abundantly in getting the Spanish language and becoming acquainted with the work and the people.

Pray for us, that the Lord may give us health to remain here till He comes.

N. H. KINZER.

YOU WILL NEVER BE SORRY

- For telling the truth.
- For living a pure life.
- For your faith in Christ.
- For doing your very best.
- For hearing before judging.
- For forgiving your enemies.
- For helping a fallen brother.
- For being honest in business.
- For thinking before speaking.
- For being loyal to your church.
- For stopping your ears to gossip.
- For bridling a slanderous tongue.
- For harboring only pure thoughts.
- For being courteous and kind to all.
- For money given to the Lord's cause.
- For asking pardon when you have done wrong.

—Selected.

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LOCATING AN INDIAN MISSION IN GUATEMALA

The problem of carrying the Third Angel's Message to the 1,500,000 Indians of Guatemala is one that has been pressing very heavily upon the hearts of those who are especially interested in this important work. At the recent Inter-American Division meeting, a committee, representing the division, the Central American Union, and the Guatemala Mission, was authorized to locate and purchase a mission station from which this vast Indian territory may be worked.

Pastor Ellis P. Howard, superintendent of the Guatemala Mission, had already looked over the country quite thoroughly and had located a number of prospective sites; and on August 1. Pastors W. E. Baxter, C. B. Sutton, and E. P. Howard, Brother J. E. Boehne, and the writer left Guatemala City to travel as far as possible by automobile

to reach the center of this great Indian territory.

Thousands of Indians may be seen almost any day in the capital, for they carry their products many miles from the interior to that great market; but it is necessary to travel about one hundred miles to reach the real Indian country. The first day we reached the town of Tecpam, where we remained over night. When we arose the next morning and found that it was raining, we became very anxious concerning our ascent of the 11,000 foot mountain which stood between us and the Indian country beyond, and which is impassable when there is much rain; but we had reason to believe that the Lord heard our prayers, for the clouds disappeared and we had a beautiful day for the journey.

When we reached the summit of this mountain, we were interested to see blackberries and huckleberries growing in abundance. As we visited different parts of Guatemala, we greatly marveled to see apples, peaches, pears, plums, cherries, and nearly every variety of fruit grown in North America, besides many of the tropical fruits.

From the summit of the mountain we looked for the first time upon beautiful Lake Atitlan, lying 6,000 feet below. This lake, surrounded by twelve towns named after the twelve apostles, and with its two great extinct volcanoes overshadowing its waters, has an altitude of 5,200 feet.

We made our headquarters at Solola, a town about three miles above the lake, while we looked over the adjacent country; and this gave us opportunity to see the thousands of Indians who visit the town on market days. As we watched the multitudes coming from all directions with their produce, we were deeply impressed that the district of Solola would be the logical center for our mission station. This had been our conviction before we started on our trip, as we studied the map of Guatemala and made a general survey of the Indian territory.

After looking over the entire district, we finally found a ten acre tract of land, about three miles from Solola, which impressed us the first time we saw it as being the spot which the Lord had reserved for our work. It has sufficient pine trees on it to furnish logs and lumber for all the buildings of the mission, and is situated on the main road to Solola, over which hundreds of Indians pass every week. The price paid for that land—20,000 pesos—sounds high, but when you remember that sixty pesos in Guatemala equal \$1.00 American gold, the sale price fig-



Some of the girls attending the general meeting held in Haiti last March.

ures out to be \$333.33, plus the expense of transferring the title. We believe that the Lord has been holding that property for us, and we also have every reason to believe that we may expect to see a movement develop in Guatemala similar to that of Lake Titicaca in South America.

Brother and Sister Boehne expected to be located on that land before the end of August; and building operations will be pushed forward with vigor. Let us pray earnestly that God may bless the Indian work in Guatemala greatly, and that many souls from these ancient tribes may be won for the Master.

C. E. WOOD.

VISITING BONACCA

Bonacca is one of the most strangely interesting places it has ever been my privilege to visit. Nearly all the people live about a mile out from the island on two small kays which rise only slightly above the waterline. A short distance around these kays the water is shallow, and most of the houses are built on piles over that water. Board walks built on piles connect the houses, and extend three or four blocks into the sea. To view the kays from a distance out at sea, one can see nothing to indicate the presence of land save the tops of the cocoanut trees that wave their graceful foliage above the house tops. On and about these kays about 900 people are packed quite closely together.

It was in this place that our denominational work in Central America first found a footing. Here quite a strong church was established. This year Brother Garbutt, a young man who was baptized about two years ago, is teaching the Bonacca church school. He has an enrolment of 79 and is doing good work. He attended our workers' meetings. Bonacca has a fine company of 60 or 70 young people, from ten to twenty years of age, who are not yet members of the church, but who were born in the truth.

Brother E. J. Lorntz and I held a meeting each of the three nights it was possible for us to stay; and we visited with the people during the day. The first night 23 took their stand for the truth. The next two nights the number reached 47. The Lord greatly blessed, and the church was strengthened and made happy. Brother Lorntz will return in a few weeks to follow up the work. Among those who took their stand for the truth is a general who is a very prominent man in the Honduras government. I wish you could have seen him and heard his testimony. He

said: "I desire with all my heart to enter into your brotherhood. I want to give up my political career entirely, and unite with the Lord." His two daughters aged 14 and 17 took their stand before he did.

There is a great work that could be done in this part if we only had the workers needed to carry it on.

W. E. BAXTER.

A VISIT WITH THE PRESIDENT

Tegucigalpa, the capital city of the Republic of Honduras, is located at an altitude of 3,200 feet, among the mountains of the interior of the country. Surrounded by hills, which were used as fortifications by the opposing forces during the last revolution, this unique little city does not, from the distance, have the appearance of having passed through stormy times. But the numerous crosses erected along the highway that leads to the city, each marking the place where someone has fallen, and the public buildings in the city marked with bullets from foundation to roof, indicate that in the past these hills have echoed with the sound of battle.

We are pleased to report that the Third Angel's Message is making progress in the interior of Honduras. We held meetings Friday evening, Sabbath and Sunday in the chapel of the mission building in Tegucigalpa, and, notwithstanding the rain which fell each evening immediately preceding the time of the meeting, there was a good attendance of those who are interested in the message for this time. Pastor Olsen, who is located in this city, was unable to be with us during these meetings, as he remained in Utila to develop the interest which was aroused there during the general meeting; but we were pleased to receive a telegram from him the last day we were in the city, stating that twenty had already been baptized.

Brother Karl Snow, who has been in Honduras many years, and is personally acquainted with the officials of the government, arranged an interview with the president for us at the president's palace, which is located in the business section of the city, and stands out in striking contrast to the smaller buildings surrounding it. There was not much formality in connection with our visit. After passing the attendant at the entrance, we were met by the president himself in the corridor that leads to the round reception room where the interview was held. The president spoke in English as an act of courtesy to his visitors. We soon learned that he is greatly interested in the educational work which we are carrying forward in

many lands. He stated that he would very much like to have us continue our school work in Siguatepeque, and that he personally would use his influence in every possible way to help us.

When we were about to leave, he enquired by which way we were leaving Honduras. When we told him that we were going to Salvador and Guatemala, he said, "I will give instructions for the government launch to take you from San Lorenzo, Honduras, to La Union, Salvador." We appreciated very much this courtesy.

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AFTER ELEVEN YEARS

The Third Angel's Message is known better today in the republic of Colombia than eleven years ago. At that time we had no members, and no interest in Bogotá, the capital. The faithful work of Brethren Trummer, Cleaves, Nickle, Brower, and the lay members, and the good seed sown by the faithful colporteurs, have changed conditions. It did me good to attend the Bogotá Sabbath school and see a membership of fifty, and hear the superintendent say, "All except two have studied the lesson every day." Not only are the members enthusiastic about the Sabbath school, but every one is active in missionary endeavor. As I visited and canvassed different places, I met many who said to me, "I know your church, and what you preach." It can truly be said of the members of Colombia, "Your obedience is come abroad unto all men." Romans 16:19.

Brother F. A. Brower and his band of colporteurs have done their part in adding members to the Central Colombia Mission. These ambassadors of the cross have to surmount obstacles that test every ounce of faith and courage that they possess. There is no thrill in crossing the mountains and valleys on mule back. During the rainy season the colporteur is drenched with a continuous downpour, while his mule is frequently mired in the mud. But on go these faithful messengers of the Master, leaving many pages of truth in the homes of the people.

Going down the Magdalena, the chief river, and the commercial highway of the country to Puerto Berrio, I came to Medellin the capital of Antioquia, which lies 70 miles to the southwest of Bogotá and is 4,823 feet above sea level. This city has a population of 92,000.

As I reached Medellin my mind went back to the time when Brother and Sister B. E. Connerly were doing their best to hold forth the light of truth there amid even stronger opposition than we have today.

I met Pastor Max Trummer in his new chapel, preparing for a strong evangelistic effort, that will give these people another opportunity to know the message for today. Opposition is strong, and it may be said that there is no other city in Colombia where the priests have so much power and influence. Nevertheless the people come; some sit down in the chapel, while others who fear being "excomulgado," stand outside the open window.

The work of Brother Carl Christiansen has been greatly appreciated. With only a limited knowledge of Spanish, he has taken almost 1,000 subscriptions for our Spanish periodical, *El Centinela*. Pastor Trummer delivers personally 350 copies of this paper every month in Medellin. Brother A. Piedrahita, who in his childhood spent several years in a Catholic school, is today the only colporteur canvassing for our large subscription books in Antioquia. From late reports he is doing very well.

In every place of business large placards with the words, "Al Mar," are displayed. These advertise the road now under construction from Medellin to the Gulf of Uraba. It is to be finished inside of two years, and will make a way from the interior of Colombia to the Atlantic ocean. This undertaking signifies a breaking away from the old customs of isolation and a determination to get in touch with the outside world. There is no section in Colombia that is not enthusiastic about making a way to the sea. It will soon be possible for one to go by rail direct from Bogotá to the Pacific Ocean. We who believe in the soon coming of Jesus can see in this struggle for an open way to the sea, a preparation for the rapid proclamation of the story of Him who is "The Way, the Truth, and the Life." There is an awakening in that great republic that sooner or later will develop into a small reformation.

J. A. P. GREEN.

ATLANTIC COLOMBIA

The outstanding event of August was the canvassers' institute, conducted by Brother Green, August 17-24. His reports of the progress of our work in the interior of this country brought courage to our hearts. Brother Moises Valdez came down from Sincelejo, bringing reports of new additions to the

group of Sabbath-keepers there, and also of interests in outlying points. Brother Zepherin reported taking \$1,000 worth of orders in Cartagena in about three weeks. He sold "Nuevo Medico" to the archbishop and the governor.

Brother Castro, who brought his family out of San Juan de Cesar because of further persecution being threatened, reported that he and Brother Luis Urbina had gone to the neighboring town to hold Bible studies, and had brought seven persons into the truth. Brother Jorge Escandon, one of our Barranquilla Missionary Volunteers, has held a meeting with the family of a wealthy merchant. A number of interested ones attended, and some declared that they were going to obey the truth as presented. Brother Casimiro Arrazabal from Fundacion reported that as a result of home missionary work by the members there, one or two persons were convinced of the truth.

Those in attendance at the institute left for their respective fields full of courage and enthusiasm; and we expect to see good sales for the last months of this year.

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A SCHOOL IN TRINIDAD

For several years a call for a school for the training of our young people in the East Caribbean Union has come to us with ever increasing urgency. Some time ago, plans were laid for the establishment of such an institution in Trinidad as soon as funds were available for that purpose.

Professor C. J. Boyd was called to lead out in this work, and has been in the field searching for a suitable location. With the limited funds available the task was a very difficult one. Pastor M. A. Hollister, the president of the union, and others assisted in the search. At last the providence of God directed to an estate named "La Realista." This seems to be quite an ideal location.

At the annual council of the division committee, held in May of this year, I was asked to visit Trinidad to assist in locating the school. In harmony with this counsel, I accompanied my son, Pastor C. E. Andross, who has been called to take the presidency of the South Caribbean Conference, and attended a meeting of the East Caribbean Union Committee the first of August.

After the committee had made careful investigation of several estates it was unanimously voted to purchase "La Realista," provided a clear title to the property could be secured. This estate seemed more nearly than any other to fulfil the conditions given by the division committee when we were authorized to make a purchase.

The estate consists of 264 acres of land, a large part of which is tillable. It is situated in a very picturesque and healthful part of the Island of Trinidad, three and one half miles from St. Joseph, the old Spanish capital; and nine and one half miles from Port of Spain. A splendid automobile road connects the estate with these places; and there are railroad and auto-bus connections at St. Joseph. On the estate is one good dwelling house with eight rooms beside the basement. There are several outbuildings suitable for such a property. The Maracas River, a beautiful, clear mountain stream, passes along part of the northern and eastern boundaries.

Another clear, mountain stream with sufficient volume to provide all water needed by the school for drinking and for irrigating the school garden, flows through the property. Its source is on the western border of the estate, and it has a fall of about 500 feet on the property; hence, it also will provide sufficient power for electric lights.

There are about 20,000 cocoa trees on the estate, nearly all in bearing; more than 2,000 tonka bean trees, 400 coconut trees, quite a number of grafted mangoes, oranges, avacado pears, and other fruits. Recently 5,000 banana plants have been put out, 150 grapefruit trees, and 10,000 nursery tonka beans.

With proper care the property should yield quite a substantial income to help support the training school. It will, at least, give profitable employment to a number of students and thus materially assist in meeting their expenses in the school.

Brother and Sister Hamilton, Sister Eloise Williams and Sister Linda Austin are on the field prepared to assist Brother and Sister Boyd, in establishing another training center in this division. We feel confident that this new school will prove a great blessing to our believers in the East Caribbean Union.

E. E. ANDROSS.

MORE ABOUT OUR MT. RORAIMA MISSIONARIES

The enemy, it seems, is doing his utmost to hinder our missionaries from carrying the last message of hope to

the "Davis" Indians. For one thing some of the Indians who came down to help Brethren Cott and Christian and their families up to Mt. Roraima, fell victims to the fever and never again saw their native highland home. Of the price these Indians paid to bring the missionaries to their own people, Brother Christian writes:

"To me the saddest part of the trip is the thought that already it has cost the lives of two Indians. One of these was Amos Daniel, who was the church warden from Roraima, and the one that had led out in the school work since the death of Elder Davis. He died just a few days before we were able to get to him. He had waited at Anandabaru for us for more than three months, and while waiting he had contracted the fever from which he died. The other was a Patamona Indian, who had come to work for us; he took down with the fever and soon died as he was an old man."

Terrible rains held back the missionaries, although, with hearts that refused to become discouraged, they pressed on, through hardships, that never can be described adequately on paper. Wading through water up to their waists, climbing over fallen trees, fighting mosquitoes, and facing difficulties with an unfaithful guide, have been only a few of the trials of those who are determined to help save the "Davis" Indians.

Finally Sister Christian took seriously sick. That was about three and a half months after they started from Georgetown. They were still out in the wilds, with no roof over them and no bed on which to lay the sick. Here are a few snatches from Brother Christian's diary:

"June 24. Marion (Sister Christian) very sick; has severe pain in right side; vomits and is jaundiced. Her temperature is high. Had a heavy rain this forenoon.

"June 25. Marion worse. Was delirious last night; tried fomentations; they did not give relief, so used cold. She is still nauseated, and her side is very painful. Seems that the pain is a little lower today. Her temperature at 1 o'clock was 105.8. I went up to middle camp to tell Brother and Sister Cott, but they had gone to Anandabaru already, so sent a note by an Indian. The servant girl is down with malaria and is having chills and fever.

"June 26. Marion the same. Did not sleep much last night. She is so very nauseated. The temperature does not drop—the lowest in the last 24 hours, being 103.6. Seems that we should go to Georgetown as we are afraid of gall bladder trouble. No rain today, but it rained hard last night.

"June 27. Marion is the same—is so hot. Alcohol rubs give relief for a short time. Fine day.

"June 28. I am packing up, so, if Brother and Sister Cott think best, we can go to Georgetown. Marion's temperature only went to 104.2 today. Brother and Sister Cott came in the evening; they think that to go to Georgetown is the only thing to do, so in the morning we will start; we will take twelve Indians to pull the boat. Jonas wants to go to town and get his wife so he will go along. Brother and Sister Cott had a hard trip down, as there is a great deal of water on the trail; we were glad to see them again.

"June 29. We left for Georgetown. We said good-by to Brother and Sister Cott on the banks of Wong Creek, but we hope to see them again soon; they will push on alone until we join them again. Both of them were of good courage, and were well, considering what they had been through, for the canned food is hard on one when one has to eat it for so long.

"Now that finishes the trip to date for us, as here we turn back, and retrace the steps we have been so long in taking; and as we return for a time, there is nothing I would rather do than to go back again, for to see the faces of those Indians as they told us good-bye is a call that we cannot forget or ignore. As we left to come down here, four of the Indians from Roraima that had been with us the longest left to return home. They were tired, and had all had the fever. As Luda, the one that spoke the most English said good-bye, the tears came from his eyes and he said: 'We want Mama Christian at Roraima,' and then he said, 'Pretty soon you come?' That is the call that calls us back, for I do not believe I have ever seen a nicer people than they are.

"When we left there were 43 Indians in the camp, if I remember correctly. These were all from Roraima and are Aracunas. They almost all understand some English, and we found it very easy to pick up some of their words. In fact, I believe, it would only be a short time before one could learn to carry on a conversation in the Aracuna language, for the Indians have a very small vocabulary. They all can say the 'a b c's,' and all that I have requested to sing knew a number of songs. It does one good to hear them whistling one of our songs while getting their loads ready for the day. To me it means that Elder Davis did some good, thorough work, and that he had good material with which to work."



Sisters Colomba Zarata and Andrea Ramos, two of our colporteurs in Mexico.

The latest word from Georgetown, British Guiana, is that Sister Christian is improving, and that Brother Christian hopes to return soon to join Brother and Sister Cott who should now be among the Indians of the hinterland, that have waited so long for the "Davis man." Sister Christian will not be able to go for sometime. How much these dear workers away off on Mt. Roraima need our prayers! No daily, weekly, or even monthly mail will come to

cheer their lonely hearts! No regular communication whatsoever has been established as yet between Mt. Roraima and the civilized world. To go there involves real sacrifice! Surely, it is a privilege to help "hold the ropes" of the Mt. Roraima mission.

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NOT GROWING WEARY

Having enjoyed the Harvest Ingathering work so well last year, two of our believers, Sisters Colomba Zarate and Andrea Ramos, experienced in the book work, chose to continue ingathering until they reached a self-set goal of \$1,000. Of their experience Sister Zarate says: "We proposed that we be permitted to work until we had 2,000 pesos (\$1,000). Granted permission we went to work, putting in eight hours a day. Taking into account that all the money collected goes into the fund, we have had to find a way to pay our board, so after Sabbath on Saturday nights, and on Sunday we sell *El Centinela*.

"We can clearly see the hand of the Lord in it all continually. He cares for us wherever we go. While we were in school, we learned something about Bible readings, and now in many places, we are called upon to give Bible studies."

May the good Lord bless these earnest workers and the work they are doing.
H. A. B. ROBINSON.

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

HARVEST INGATHERING IN TRINIDAD

Pastor M. A. Hollister, president of the East Caribbean Union Conference, passes on the encouraging word that the South Caribbean Conference will go beyond its Harvest Ingathering goal of \$5,000. This will be the largest amount ever raised in that field.

The Port of Spain church has increased its Harvest Ingathering receipts from \$391 last year to \$721 this year.

Pastor Hollister relates the following experience, which indicates that prayer and success go hand in hand in the Harvest Ingathering work: "One of our French brethren in Trinidad, who could

Speak very little English set himself a personal goal of \$7.00. This was a high goal, indeed, for a man who could not speak English and who expected to call upon English people. He went to work willingly, and later reported that he had visited 400 homes, and received only six cents. He then decided that he would have a special talk with the Lord about it. That talk proved to be the turning point toward success, for he found when he called upon the people again that the money came easily, and soon he was able to reach his goal."

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

THE MORNING WATCH

"The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." Not for Himself, but for others, He lived and thought and prayed. From hours spent with God He came forth morning by morning, to bring the light of heaven to men. Daily He received a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit. In the early hours of the new day the Lord awakened Him from His slumbers, and His soul and His lips were anointed with grace, that He might impart to others." *"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 139.*

"Whenever it was His privilege, He turned aside from the scene of His labor, to go into the fields, to meditate in the green valleys, to hold communion with God on the mountainside or amid the trees of the forest. The early morning often found Him in some secluded place, meditating, searching the Scriptures, or in prayer. From these quiet hours He would return to His home to take up His duties again, and to give an example of patient toil." *"Desire of Ages," p. 90.*

"We know not what results a day, an hour, or a moment may determine, and never should we begin the day without committing our ways to our Heavenly Father. His angels are appointed to watch over us, and if we put ourselves under their guardianship, then in every time of danger they will be at our right hand." *"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 341.*

"Consecrate yourself to God in the morning; make this your very first work. Let your prayer be, Take me, O Lord, as wholly thine. I lay all my plans at Thy feet. Use me today in Thy service. Abide with me, and let all my work be wrought in Thee." *"Steps to Christ," p. 74.*

"Guard jealously your hours of prayer, Bible study, and self-examination. Set aside a portion of each day for a study of the Scriptures and communion with God. Thus you will obtain spiritual strength, and will grow in favor with God." *"Gospel Workers," p. 100.*

"Those who will put on the whole armor of God, and devote some time every day to meditation and prayer, and to the study of the Scriptures, will be connected with heaven, and will have a saving, transforming influence upon those around them." *"Testimonies," Vol. V, pp. 112, 113.*

"One day alone is ours, and during this day we live for God. For this one day we are to place in the hand of Christ, in solemn service, all our purposes and plans, casting all our care upon Him, for He careth for us." *"Mount of Blessing," p. 150.*

"Each morning consecrate yourself to God for that day. Surrender all your plans to Him,

to be carried out or given up as His providence shall indicate. Thus day by day you may be giving your life into the hands of God, and thus your life will be molded more and more after the likeness of Christ." *"Steps to Christ," p. 70 (pocket edition).*

Compiled by C. V. Achenbach.

Are young people counted members of the Missionary Volunteer Society if they neither attend the society meetings regularly, nor report any missionary work?

Answer: While there is no written rule that members must attend the society meetings, it is one of the axiomatic privileges and duties just as it is in the Sabbath school. On the one hand, a Missionary Volunteer who is able to go should not deprive himself of the benefits of the society meetings, and on the other he should not rob the society of the help he is pledged to give. Really, I cannot see how a Missionary Volunteer can be true to his pledge to God if he is remiss in attending the meetings of the society, and helping in every way to make them a success.

As to reporting, I read in "Missionary Volunteers and their Work," page 143, that "reporting is considered so essential that, in some cases at least, it is made a test of membership. A person who fails to report any missionary work for three months may be dropped."

 PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT
 J. A. P. GREEN - - Secretary

A COLPORTEUR CHURCH

The church of Caguas, Porto Rico, is a colporteur church, and has had a very interesting experience with our literature. This little company has been without a pastor for several years, and it has suffered many trials from within as well as from without. Nevertheless, the believers there have been able to keep up a good average in tithes and offerings. It has also been a missionary church; and from it have come several colporteurs and lay workers in the past.

About the first of the year, there sprang up an interest in the literature work. Several school girls already had demonstrated that women, as well as men, could sell literature, even in their own town. Sister Ella Payne, an American teacher in the Caguas high school, recognized the interest, and at once began to encourage it. The women were organized into bands; and sometimes the men would join. Sister Payne made herself responsible for the literature. Soon she had a "literature store" in

her house. The whole church is interested in the idea; and the sisters visit their own and neighboring towns with magazines and small books.

When I saw her last, she said, "If we get free from the 'flu' epidemic so that all can work, we will sell a thousand copies of the magazine next month. I will be out of my classes and can help; and by the way, Can we not get more territory?" The plan at Caguas has been to cover the same territory every month with the magazine, which in the end is equivalent to 500 or 600 regular subscriptions.

The good that this work has done is as direct a benefit to the believers as to the world. Here are a few results that have been observed:

1. This literature ministry is an effective method of giving the message.
2. It has helped the believers to earn much needed money.
3. The spirit of missionary work has eliminated troubles between brethren.
4. Tithes and offerings have been materially increased.
5. It furnishes a good example for others.
6. It affords many opportunities to study the message with interested persons.

This work is being done by a little church without a pastor. Truly, the church may become a mighty engine of spiritual forces. If all churches were put to work, a second pentecost would come, and soon the work would be finished in all the world! A pastor could increase the success of his efforts tenfold with a church so organized, extending the influence of the preaching with the printed page.

"The bookwork should be the means of quickly giving the sacred light of present truth to the world. This is the very work the Lord would have His people do at this time."

LEO ODOM.

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

"PUT THAT IN FOR ME"

Just a couple of weeks after Big Week came 13th Sabbath. I thought that offering would be small, because of it being so close to Big Week. But instead, with fifteen members present that Sabbath morning, we raised forty-one pesos.

One brother, a carpenter, who earns a very meager wage, asked his employer for two pesos, in advance, to apply on his home in the new earth. To his surprise, his employer gave him the two, and then handing him a third peso, said: "Put that in for me."

ERNEST POHLE.

GLIMPSES OF OUR WORKERS

Brother and Sister George Rebell, formerly of the General Mexican Mission, have gone to fill the place in Yucatan left vacant when Brother and Sister G. G. Brown returned to the States. These young people are taking up the reins of service in a difficult field. Do not forget to pray for Yucatan.

Pastor C. V. Achenbach, superintendent of the Santo Domingo Mission, and his daughter, Rachel, are in poor health, and have been compelled to return to the States for surgical and medical attention.

We are very glad to report that Sister C. L. Stone, of the West Caribbean Training School, who has been very ill for several months, has recently made remarkable progress toward health, and rejoices with us that she can remain in the field she has learned to cherish above homeland ties.

Sister Ana Hansen, Sabbath school and Missionary Volunteer secretary in Venezuela, in speaking of several baptisms and new interests, closes with these words of cheer: "So from every part comes the good news of progress."

Pastor W. E. Bidwell, superintendent of the Bahama Mission, has started a series of parents meetings in Nassau. The Bible and the Testimonies are the text books used in studying together how to save their children in these serious times, and how to train them to take their part in this great work.

Sister J. A. Leland, Sabbath school and Missionary Volunteer secretary for the Antillian Union, in a recent letter mentions that the results of the cyclone last year is still felt in the Isle of Pines, and is a severe strain on the nerves of Pastor H. C. Goodrich. For many years Brother Goodrich has toiled faithfully in various parts of Inter-America, and many love and treasure the memory of his services all through the decades. Surely, it is an inspiration to younger workers to see our pioneers in these mission fields continue to press forward unflinchingly.

Brother O. C. Barrett, Sabbath school and Missionary Volunteer secretary in Tehuantepec, writes that they are erecting a church building among the Indians where Brother Marchiseo raised up a group of believers. It was in one of the revolutionary outbursts that Brother Marchiseo went there. He had been sentenced to be shot and was led out to a lonely place with the firing squad. Finally, the officer said: "Why, I cannot shoot a good man like you." So he sent Brother Marchiseo out to a ranch and arranged for some Indians to feed him. But because of exposure to mosquitoes and hardships to which he was not accustomed, his health failed. Finally he was permitted to go to California where he died; however, he left as a memorial of his sojourn among the Indians a group of earnest believers.

"I am thankful," writes Pastor E. W. Thurber, superintendent of the Atlantic Colombia Mission, "for such a company of faithful native believers as we have in this mission. If the leaders were removed, the message would continue to forge ahead, for our brethren and sisters love the truth. What a wonderful privilege to bring such people to the Lord! How thankful we are that we could return to Inter-America to labor!"

Brother Wallace Lusk, evangelist among the Spanish people of Panama City, Panama, recently underwent an operation in the government hospital in the Canal Zone. We rejoice that he is making good recovery; and we trust will soon be able again to take up the work to which he has been devoting himself so cheerfully.

Among other workers who have been ill, we are grateful to learn that Dr. Cave of Barbados has been making splendid improvement;

Sister Amelia Correa, Spanish Bible worker in Panama City, is back in service after her operation, from which we are glad to say she made good recovery. However, we are sorry to learn that Sister George Rickard, wife of the Home Missionary secretary of the South Caribbean Conference, who has been very ill, and Pastor H. J. Winter, of the Mexican Union, who had to return to the States some months ago in a very critical condition, are still far from well.

In the latter part of August, Sister E. Max Trummer and her children spent a few days in the division office, while waiting for a boat that would take them to Colombia, where Brother Trummer has been waiting anxiously

November 5-12

The division committee has set November 5-12 as the date for the Week of Sacrifice for 1927 throughout the fields of the Inter-American Division. All our conference and mission workers are invited to set an example in sacrifice by giving one week's salary. Each church is requested to "unite earnestly in prayer that every member, old and young, and little children, may be helped and blessed in joining the workers in making the sacrifice which the love of Jesus may prompt us to make for Him." Shall we not each endeavor to make the 1927 Week of Sacrifice offering the largest offering ever given in the Inter-American Division?

"The moral darkness of a ruined world pleads to Christian men and women to put forth individual effort, to give of their means and of their influence, that they may be assimilated to the image of Him, who, though He possessed infinite riches, yet for our sakes became poor." —"Testimonies," Vol. III, p. 391.

F. I. HARRISON.

for their return from America. Sister Trummer had a long hard river trip before her after reaching the coast of Colombia; but she was of good courage when she left the Zone and rejoiced to be back in the division where she is so much needed.

Word from the East Caribbean Union says that Pastor H. J. Edmed, president of the Leeward Islands Conference, with his wife, who had charge of the Sabbath school and Missionary Volunteer work there, and his daughter, Ethel, the union secretary-treasurer, were to sail for England, September 14. We hope these earnest fellow workers will enjoy their well-earned furlough, and soon return to this field.

Sister C. E. Andross and two children, Barbara and Sophie Louise, spent a short time in the division home recently while enroute to Trinidad to join Pastor Andross who went to that field to labor in July.

Pastor and Sister C. E. Wood of the division office sailed for Costa Rica September 7 to conduct an evangelistic effort in Port Limon.

FAVORABLE WIND THROUGH PRAYER

A few weeks ago we had a remarkable answer to prayer. Our food supplies failed to come. The only solution seemed to be for me to make a two hundred mile trip to Nassau for them. This trip, on the deck of an old schooner, in the boiling tropical sun, was a hard one. Not being well, I asked our heavenly Father to give us a strong, favorable wind; and, praise His holy name, the morning we left, He sent us a good, strong, southeast wind which drove us over the two hundred miles in thirty-four hours.

When it was time to return, I again asked for a favorable wind; and the day we were ready to leave, the wind went clear around the compass and settled in the northeast which is very, very unusual here at this time of the year. It was so unusual that many of the captains were afraid to leave the harbor.

I stepped aboard the boat about 1 o'clock. My heart was overflowing with praise to my heavenly Father. The captain came to me at once, and said: "Chief, what do you think of the wind? It has gone clear around the sun in the last hour. This is something very unusual at this time of the year, and most of the captains are afraid to go out."

That was my opportunity to point that big, broad-shouldered seaman to the great God of heaven, so I said, "Captain, I have asked our heavenly Father to give us a favorable wind back, and He has done it." I wish you might have seen his big brown eyes expanding, and have heard him say, "Well, surely, He has heard your prayers. Since that is the case, I am not afraid to go out, so we will take advantage of this wind."

We did, and that wind drove us back over two hundred miles in thirty hours. Then in less than two hours after I reached my destination, it shifted again to its usual course. This wonderful answer to prayer is turning the attention of many to God.

G. W. LAWRENCE.

WILL WIN SOULS

Often we have heard of persons catching their first glimpse of the truth through the pages of the Morning Watch Calendar; so it is, indeed, excellent missionary work to give that silent little soul winner to as many as possible around us.

Many realize this; and thousands upon thousands of calendars have been sold to the public, while other thousands have been given away by Christians who are anxious to use every opportunity to save others. In one city last year the Missionary Volunteers placed 2,000 Morning Watch Calendars in the hotels. Large numbers of calendars have also found their way into hospitals, missionary organizations, private homes, etc.

How many 1928 Morning Watch Calendars will you place in the hands of the public? Do not forget that the calendar can be secured in both English and Spanish. Order at once. Let us plan definitely, this year, to use at least twice as many as we have ever distributed before in Inter-America, for, remember: The Morning Watch Calendar

WILL WIN SOULS.

OBITUARY

Brother Alfred Quow was born 1887 in the Island of St. Vincent, B. W. I., and died in Panama City, Panama, September 3, 1927, having lived 39 years, 11 months, 29 days. His sudden and apparently premature removal from our midst is a painful blow to our hearts; but consolation may be found in the inspired words:

"Asleep in Jesus! Soon to rise,
When the last trump shall rend the skies.
Then burst the fetters of the tomb,
And wake in full, immortal bloom."

A. A. GRIZZLE.

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