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Help the Needy

Never before in Inter-America have the doors for the entrance of the messengers of the Cross been swung open so widely as today. Never have the appeals for help been so urgent, so piteous, so tender, as now. Never have the opportunities for service been so numerous.

Thousands are in great need of physical, mental, and spiritual help. In many parts of this vast territory, with its multiplied millions of people, there are no physicians, no trained nurses, no one who is prepared to render relief to the suffering. Many have no knowledge of how they should live to safeguard themselves against the attack of disease or how to stop its ravages when it comes. What a blessing it would be to thousands of helpless sufferers to send missionary physicians, nurses, or others who have an intelligent understanding of the laws governing the human organism, and of how to apply the simple, natural remedies that generally are so effective in the treatment of disease.

Schools are needed for the training of the children and youth, especially among the Indians of Mexico, and of Central and South America. Hundreds of the native youth should be trained as teachers and evangelists for their own people. All should be taught the dignity of labor, the simple science of agriculture, and be helped to acquire proficiency in some of the trades.

Along with the industrial features of their education, they should be taught the fundamental branches that will make them broad minded, intelligent citizens, kind and helpful neighbors.

While a training that will insure success in this life should not be neglected, the spiritual and moral training is of the highest importance. If men will not obey the laws of God, they are not likely to hold in high esteem the laws of their fellowmen. If the young are taught to be true to God and true to man, as enjoined in God's holy law, they will help to make the world a better place in which to live, and will guide the feet of the straying into the path that leads heavenward.

It is such a work as this in which Seventh-day Adventists are interested

and for the accomplishment of which they are sending forth their sons and daughters into the darkest corners of the earth. They are freely giving their means to provide for their support, and for the building up and maintenance of institutions that are necessary for the conduct of such a work.

God has graciously provided the most perfect organization in the world that the latent forces in our churches and companies everywhere may be effectively employed in united effort for the accomplishment of such a noble work. Every believer in the Third Angel's Message is to cooperate with the body in an effort to build up the institutions so necessary for the training of workers, and to make possible the administering of relief to the suffering.

In our world-wide plans for the carrying out of the Saviour's command "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," one week each year is set apart for the specific purpose of enlisting the service of every believer just as far as possible in the sale of the literature containing the message of the coming of our Saviour and the prepara-

tion needed to meet Him. All the profits on the sale of this literature are to be devoted exclusively to the Missions Extension Fund.

Besides providing funds for very needy enterprises in the Far East, Southern Asia, Africa, South America, Europe and Australia, our own division will benefit as follows; \$1,000.00 is to be provided to assist in building a small dispensary at our new mission station among the great Quiche Indian nation of Guatemala, \$2,500.00 for dispensary work for the Davis Indians of British Guiana, \$2,000.00 is to be used in equipping the new training school for our Spanish young people of Central America, \$8,500.00 is to be appropriated for providing accommodation for the students in the East Caribbean Training School, and \$5,000.00 to help meet the Book and Bible House indebtedness.

Every enterprise listed above is urgently in need of the help provided in these appropriations. If all our people heartily respond to our appeal for help,—if each one sells his or her quota of books,—the funds needed will be provided, and many hearts will be made to rejoice *because of the help that you will have individually rendered.*

Our eternal destiny will be determined not by any great deeds we may have performed but by the faithful performance of the little duties that come to us day by day. We urge the church as a body and we earnestly request each individual believer to join in a faithful, united effort throughout the division to raise our goal in the Missions Extension Fund. E. E. ANDROSS.

Balboa, Canal Zone.

SOMETHING FOR JESUS

You're longing to work for the Master,
Yet waiting for something to do;
You fancy the future is holding
Some wonderful mission for you;
But while you are waiting, the moments
Are rapidly passing away.
O brother, awake from your dreaming;
Do something for Jesus today.

Go rescue that wandering brother
Who sinks "neath his burden of woe;
A single kind action may save him
If love and compassion you show.
Don't shrink from the vilest about you,
If you can but lead them from sin;
For this is the grandest of missions,—
Lost souls for the Master to win.

O, never, my brother, stand waiting;
Be willing to do what you can;
The humblest service is needed
To fill out the Father's great plan.
Be winning your stars of rejoicing
While earth-life is passing away;
Win some one to meet you in glory;
Do something for Jesus—today.

—Selected.

ARE WE LESS GUILTY?

Fulfilling the great commission means carrying the gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. It means for us to push through every open door to possess unoccupied territory. But many Seventh-day Adventists are today making the same mistake that was made by the Israelites when they entered the land of Canaan. They apparently do not realize that it is their privilege and responsibility to possess the whole land. The following statement from "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VIII, p. 119, presents a definite, admonitory message to every church and to every

individual member of the remnant church:

"When the Israelites entered Canaan, they did not fulfill God's purpose by taking possession of the whole land. After making a partial conquest, they settled down to enjoy the fruit of their victories. In their unbelief and love of ease, they congregated in the portions already conquered, instead of pushing forward to occupy new territory. Thus they began to depart from God. By their failure to carry out His purpose they made it impossible for Him to fulfill to them His promise of blessing.

"Is not the church of today doing the same thing? With the whole world before them in need of the gospel, professed Christians congregate where they themselves can enjoy gospel privileges. They do not feel the necessity of occupying new territory, carrying the message of salvation into regions beyond. They refuse to fulfill Christ's commission, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.' Are they less guilty than the Jewish church?"

Every individual has a personal world for which he is responsible, a sphere where his influence is greater than anyone's else. His failure to exercise that influence, to possess that land fully, may result in the loss of souls.

Every church is responsible for the carrying of the message to the uttermost parts of the surrounding districts. Every conference and mission is responsible for the finishing of the work of the Third Angel's Message in its own individual territory. Let us not fail as did the Israelites, but let us occupy new territory, press the battle to the farthest bounds of the territory for which we are held responsible, and take possession of the whole land for God.

Balboa, Canal Zone. C. E. WOOD.

INFORMATION AND PLANS

NOTICE TO LEADERS: This Rally Day Program has been prepared by the General Conference Home Missionary Department with great care. We believe, if you will take time to read over the different articles submitted, you will be stirred again and again by the progress of this message in lands across the seas. The Missions Extension Campaign has proved to be a mighty factor in the extension of our work in unentered territories. The Mission Board is leaning heavily on this effort to fill a great need in mission fields, and we dare not fail it now.

The great work which the Extension Fund has done in fields beyond has strengthened our confidence in the glorious consummation of the Third Angel's Message. And we thank God for the loyal army of church officers and conference workers who stand shoulder to shoulder with us in carrying the burden of these major campaigns. The Rally Day Program is only suggestive, but we do ask that this program as a whole be carried out in every church. You will find additional information in the articles, "Making Our Campaigns

Soulwinning." and "Practical Gospel Service." The Rally song could either be copied for the benefit of the church members so all could join in singing it, or a mixed quartet may render it.

On Rally Day all should be encouraged to do their share during Big Week. Some can sell literature and others give a day's salary. Several field days might be arranged. Call special attention to the offering which is to be taken the following Sabbath, July 14. The Home Missionary Department joins with you in praying that this program and the Big Week itself may prove a real blessing to you and your church members. HOME MISSIONARY DEPT.

BIG WEEK RALLY DAY PROGRAM

OPENING SONG: "Marching to Zion," No. 887, "Christ in Song."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRAYER.

SONG: "Throw Out the Life-Line," No. 544, "Christ in Song."

FIRST READING: "The Spirit of a Doctor-Missionary."

SPECIAL SONG: "Big Week Rally Song."

SECOND READING: "What the Missions Extension Fund Has Done."

THIRD READING: "Our East Caribbean Training School."

FOURTH READING: "Help for the Needy."

DISCUSSION: Local plans and arrangements for Big Week effort.

CLOSING SONG: "Love Divine," No. 345, "Christ in Song."

PRAYER for success in the campaign.

THE SPIRIT OF A DOCTOR-MISSIONARY

Up nearly three thousand miles north and east of Capetown into Central Africa is Fort Jameson of Northeast Rhodesia. Twenty miles from this small interior trading town and three hundred miles from the nearest railway station, is the beginning of our Mwami Mission.

It was on July 4, 1927, that some of us arrived there by motor truck with Dr. E. G. Marcus, a recruit from our medical college. Dr. Marcus and his family had just entered Africa for missionary service. To reach the farm that had been secured for this mission, our truck had to roll down fifteen-foot grass for a distance of two miles. Reaching the farm that was to become a medical mission for that vast section of Central Africa, we found only old dilapidated buildings that could temporarily be utilized for the housing of the doctor until some simple buildings could be erected that would more properly provide for the housing of his family, in the handling of the dispensary that was soon to assume large proportions.

On the motor truck we had loaded a few necessary things for the doctor, such as an iron bedstead, some boxes, and some groceries; just a few things such as a man must have to live. We had traveled through three hundred miles of African wilderness, and we landed the doctor with his few boxes, some groceries, and a bedstead, on a place that was as nearly wilderness as anything I have ever seen.

During the little time we spent with the doctor we went over the place very carefully, studying out the best sites for dwellings, church, and dispensary, so that as soon as money would become available the doctor could go right ahead working. We spent hours together in counsel as to the sort of buildings that should be erected, always thinking of economy and yet trying to plan buildings that would be serviceable.

As we roamed through the tall grass, at times losing ourselves in its depths, following pathways that lions and other animals had trod out before us, we again and again found nesting places where these well known African creatures had their temporary places of rest. Not only did we see their tracks, and paths beaten down by lions, but in our night travel the night before we saw a lion too. So it took no great imagination for us to realize that we were in real African country.

It was at this place, without buildings, without equipment, with his family more than three hundred miles away, that on the afternoon of July 5 we left Doctor Marcus alone to start a new mission. He could speak but a few words of the native language. All about him were thousands of natives awaiting the blessings that would soon be theirs through the ministry of this new mission. About three o'clock in the afternoon we started away to make connections with a train that traveled once a week from a town three hundred miles distant. The doctor came along with us down to the point where our motor truck was to start plowing through the tall grass on its two-mile trip out on the road. Here we stopped a few minutes to bid him goodbye.

It was almost a tragic moment. There stood the doctor-missionary for the first time really realizing that he was to be left there alone for months, not another man of his kind within many a mile. The hours we had spent there with him had passed very quickly, for we were talking, planning, night and day, and hardly had the doctor had opportunity to realize what it might mean when the rest of us would roll away and leave him alone. But now he knew. With a tense expression on his face, he said:

"I hate to see you men go."

As I turned to look at the doctor, I noticed that he was deeply stirred with the realization of the sacrifice that he

had come so far to make. His eyes filled with tears. I knew something of how he felt, and I walked up to him and said:

"Doctor, I hate to go and leave you here alone. And yet, I don't know any other man in this world I would rather leave here than you. It will be only a few days until your service here will be a light reaching out from this point for a hundred miles in every direction. The light of this message will soon be piercing the wilds all about you."

His face lighted up as he replied: "Yes, I know it. I am glad that I am here, and I am glad to stay here. Tell my fellows back home that I wouldn't trade with them for anything on earth."

He has fellow classmates back in America, who, and not to their discredit, are far more comfortably situated, receiving incomes that well provide for their families. But here is a man who is blazing the trail in the Dark Continent, his family not to follow for months, and then only to join him in his service for the native peoples all about them. And they will have to get on with such facilities as they can contrive temporarily, awaiting the ability of our people to provide proper equipment. Surely there will not be a believer in this message who hears of this need who will not wish to join in the sacrifice that will make possible buildings for such a station.

B. E. BEDDOE.

Washington, D. C.

WHAT THE MISSIONS EXTENSION FUND HAS DONE

Including the 1928 budget, the Extension Fund has been operating eight years. Following is a brief résumé of what it has done:

Publishing: It has supplied land, buildings, equipment, or working capital to 57 publishing houses and depositories, to the value of \$844,249, in fifty different countries and islands.

Schools: It has furnished approximately \$170,000 to assist in erecting or equipping 21 training schools in different lands.

Dispensaries: It has erected, or assisted in the erection of, 38 hospitals and dispensaries in twenty different countries, supplying for these enterprises \$135,616.

Grand total for publishing, educational, and medical, \$1,149,865

"Talk ye of all His marvelous works. Make known among the people His doings."

Our missionaries are not only grateful for the help which the Extension Fund has given them in establishing and strengthening the publishing work in the mission fields, but they with the native believers have entered heartily into the Big Week effort.

Here is an experience of a conference

Big Week Rally Song

(Tune No. 511 in "Christ in Song")

Work! oh, work! for Big Week, servants of the Lord,
Telling news of Jesus, through the printed word,
Selling books for missions everywhere you go;
Scatter printed pages—thus defeat the foe.

Chorus:

Work, work, for Big Week, young and old,
Work till the vict'ry you behold.
Souls are the fruitage Big Weeks bring,
Anxiously waiting Christ our King.

Big Week now is here, and we must do our best,
Helping struggling schools whose work the Lord has blessed,
Buildings, homes, equipment—to the call give heed,
Working now with vigor, let us fill the need.

Many printing houses must be helped today,
They are calling now "This help do not delay,"
Nations waiting for us call us to be true,
To the call of Jesus who has work for you.

Dispensaries are needed, in this world of woe,
Sick and suffering people everywhere we go;
Let us help our doctors as they labor on,
Bringing sweet release to sinners all undone.

Hand to hand united, hear us as we sing,
We are willing workers, serving Christ our King.
Vict'ry will be certain, as we lean on Him;
Souls will soon be lifted from the pit of sin.

president as another told it:

"Brother Spearing, president of the large South Britain Conference, is a great supporter of our book work, and when Big Week came, he felt that he must have a part in it. He worked all the morning and did not take one order, despite all his efforts; but he started out again in the afternoon. The morning's experience had evidently been of the greatest profit, for in the few remaining hours he took four orders, (\$20)."

It is remarkable to read of the favors our workers receive as they engage in this literature ministry. The following experience is from the Malaysian field:

"Our book work in that scattered island field has grown to large proportions, and boat transportation in those parts is very expensive. The sales at the present time are between fifty and sixty thousand dollars a year. Most of this literature must be carried by ocean transit, so our brethren made bold to ask the steamship company, which operates the majority of the ships in those parts, for free transportation for the literature. The following reply to their request was received: 'Dear Sirs: We are willing to carry freight-free your consignments of literature in educational, religious, and health works, shipping to Dutch East India ports, provided these shipments do not exceed modest proportions.' We rejoice with Malaysia in this concession which has been granted."

The wives of the missionaries in the foreign fields are also doing their part in scattering the printed page. Here is an experience from Bahia, Brazil, a field near the equator:

"I must in a few words tell you what two lady colporteurs did. They went to a small town in the south of the state. The first day, in seven hours each took sixty orders for 'Practical Guide,' all in the best binding. They took the train out to a small town at the end of the line, and while the train waited two and a half hours they canvassed the town, at dinner, and got back to the train fifteen minutes

before it left. They had taken thirty orders, all in the best binding. In twenty-two hours each, they took orders amounting to \$1,320 gold, or about \$30.00 an hour."

A recent letter from Mrs. John L. Brown who with her husband is doing pioneer work in the lower Amazon region, Brazil, tells of an experience she had in the city of Manaos, a thousand miles up the Amazon River, delivering books which her husband could not deliver because of illness. She writes:

"Although my husband had taken the orders nearly three months ago, the people had not forgotten the book. With the Lord's help I delivered \$1,650 worth in one week. All the high authorities of the state of Amazonas received the book, and we have their names on our periodical list. Besides taking books for themselves, these officials took books for the different state libraries."

This abundant seed-sowing is bringing a rich harvest. In Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, during one year two hundred people came into the truth as a result of the circulation of the printed page.

Elder W. E. Read, field secretary of the European Division, tells an experience of one of our workers located in Mauritius, an island lying east of Madagascar. This worker had been told that a person living on the island of Mauritius had begun to keep the Sabbath as a result of reading some of our literature. The worker went over to look up this Sabbath keeper. To his great surprise he found not merely one, but two hundred people keeping the Sabbath.

In his quadrennial report for the period ending December 31, 1927, Brother J. B. Blosser, of the Central Union Conference, tells how the work goes in North America. He says:

"Brother R. M. Carter, who has been in Missouri a number of years, writes for that field for the past four years, saying, 'As to the number of souls brought into the truth in this field directly through the printed pages of our books, they number seventy-four, and about eighty-six since I have been here, which is a little over five years.'

"Brother B. E. Wagner sends a list of names of nineteen persons who have accepted the truth in Kansas through literature.

"One of our lady workers sold a copy of the 'Marked Bible' and another small book to a man who was a barber. This man read the books and became very much interested in our message. While in his shop one day a young man came in for a hair cut, and the conversation turned to religion. As he was about to go, the barber said, 'I have some little books here that I would like for you to read; you may take them with you.' The books were accepted, and as the young man was just making his way from the west coast to some point in the east, he stopped along the way in an empty house where he spent most of two days studying those books. He became much concerned over the Sabbath question. He secured work on the railroad section near by, and on Saturday following, as the men were eating dinner together, he asked the question, 'Men, how would you feel about working today if you had a definite conviction that this was the Sabbath and the Lord wanted you to keep it?' Some conversation followed, but the foreman, who once had been an Adventist, only cast a look to the ground. Later he informed this young man where he would find the elder of our church, and after a few Bible studies he has become fully grounded in the truth."

Let us take courage from these good experiences which come to us from our co-workers in the field, and while we do our best to make as large sales as possible to help swell the Extension Fund, let us pray that this wide-spread seed-sowing which is being carried on during Big Week in every land, may result in a still greater harvest of souls.

Washington, D. C. N. Z. TOWN.

EAST CARIBBEAN TRAINING SCHOOL

Our students are building the East Caribbean Training School. Following inspired instruction, we are carrying our educational work into a new field, and organizing the crude forces which we have found for service. The main part of the girls' dormitory and dining hall is nearing completion, and not one dollar for hired labor has been expended for its construction, for the students, under the leadership of their teachers, are doing the work. They are felling trees in the forest, carrying the gravel from the river beds, making extensive excavations for buildings, cutting roads through rough places for the campus and the estate, laying stone aprons and bridging our little stream, conducting water from the mountain, piling heaps of compost, and subduing the bush and planting gardens.

All of these activities are being carried forward on no small scale. Thirty thousand feet of hardwood lumber has been secured already. (A hundred thousand feet is required.) Five hundred cubic yards of gravel have been hauled already, and this is only a good start. Sixty students are doing the work; a hundred are on the waiting list. The students attend classes at night but are daily learning lessons of patience and perseverance in driving nails in hard wood, in wrestling with the hills, and in sledging up the rocks.

We greatly appreciate what the entire Inter-American Division has done to help us through the Big Week Fund for the past two years, and also the help we feel sure we shall receive from the same source this year. We look forward with deepest interest to July 7-14, the time set apart for Big Week.

If our brethren and sisters throughout the division can find sale for two books where only one was sold last year, or if they can sell one in every home where none was sold last year, the efforts will be a marvelous blessing to the work that is sorely in need of help.

At present the students are sleeping on cots borrowed from the conference, and eating from borrowed dishes. They are living in sixteen thatched roof huts and attending classes in a space under the old homestead. This place has a dirt floor, and one must stoop to keep from bumping his head on the joists above.

We must purchase angle iron to manufacture beds. We want material with which to make a hundred double desks for our chapel and study hall. We also want to make our dining tables and chairs. We want to equip our permanent kitchen and serving room, now in construction, and we desire to purchase some cooking utensils and dishes.

We ask the privilege of making most of these things, as we are endeavoring to make the school serve its own needs just as far as possible. We are teaching our students how to work with more intelligence, and that true greatness does not consist in doing extraordinary things, but in doing ordinary things in an extraordinary way. We are putting forth an honest and an intelligent effort for the industrial, intellectual, and spiritual uplift of the youth of the East Caribbean field. We believe that every one of you desires a part with us in building up this work.

CLARENCE J. BOYD.

St. Joseph, Trinidad.

PRACTICAL GOSPEL SERVICE

That ministry to the sick is a most practical means of giving the gospel is being evidenced by the multiplying reports that come to us from the fields in which we have planted our medical missionary centers. Every report received regarding these enterprises is replete with the greatest assurance possible that we are warranted in continuing the development of this kind of work.

So it is not a new and untried thing which the Missions Extension Campaign brings to us for renewed attention. It is a plan that is proving one of the most effective we have ever undertaken for extending all lines of our endeavor into foreign fields. New centers in remote regions are being created. The response is such that we keep adding believers, even in countries that have seemed most

difficult of entrance; obstacles give way and openings offer themselves for entering with other phases of truth. . . .

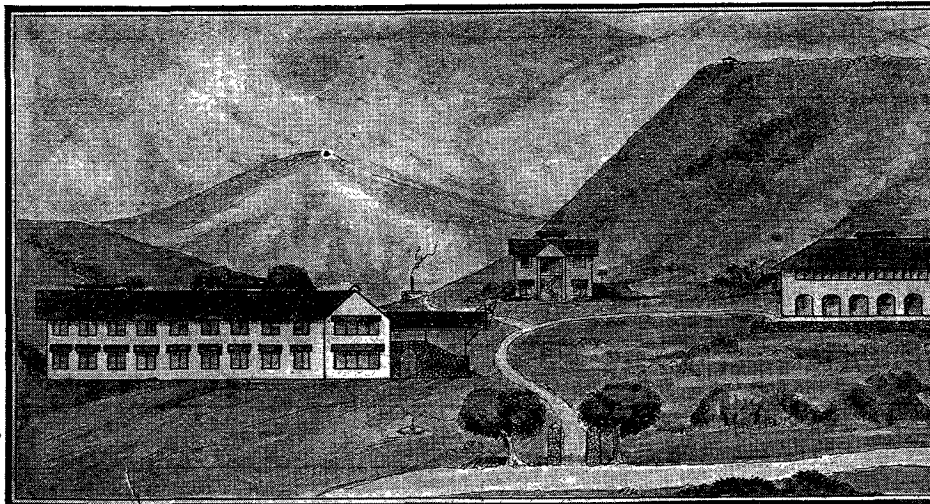
The Big Week Campaign just before us offers us once more the opportunity of touching further the unlimited possibilities of this service. With the call for \$154,000 for missions extension work, \$52,000 of which is for some twenty medical enterprises in eight different countries, we are again given the privilege of helping definitely to establish a number of new centers from which we shall shortly hear good reports similar to those that constantly are coming to us from the places where we have begun.

How glad we were when we learned that the entire budget was raised last year, for we must bear in mind that not one call that is made represents more than is actually needed, and whatever we fail to meet of that call means a loss to the field, which must not be permitted. Let us again rally to the call.

Washington, D. C. L. A. HANSEN.

MAKING OUR CAMPAIGNS SOUL-WINNING

Year by year as our campaigns grow in size and importance, we become more impressed with their wonderful possibilities in soul-winning. Every year our lay members visit thousands of homes in their efforts to raise Big Week funds and assist in other similar campaigns. It is impossible to estimate the number of homes thus visited, but it must run up into millions. What an opportunity confronts us! Should we not make earnest endeavors to reach the people with the message? The servant of God has said, "Wherever a church is established, all the members should engage actively in missionary work. They should visit every family in the neighborhood, and know their spiritual condition."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 296.



Architect's drawing of the proposed building.

We rejoice when we think of approximately 2,500,000 small books placed in the hands of interested people during the past seven Big Week campaigns. This literature is winning souls. Recently Elder C. G. Bellah, pastor of the Memorial Church, Omaha, Nebraska, sent us the following experience which illustrates the soul-winning possibilities of this campaign when properly followed up. In this particular instance our Big Week literature was not even sold, but the seller was on the alert, watching for every opportunity to win souls.

"During Big Week work, in the spring of 1925, Mrs. Bellah and I were out with the Big Week books. She was on one side of the street, and I was on the other. A woman came to one door and greeted Mrs. Bellah kindly. This was Mrs. Judkins. She could not buy the books, but when Mrs. Bellah asked if she liked Bible study, she replied in the affirmative. Mrs. A. E. Daniels, a Bible worker, studied with her about a year, and she accepted everything. Later her husband accepted. The result was that Mr. and Mrs. Judkins, their son, Gerald, and nineteen others were all baptized the same day. Big Week will have an added interest for us this year."

Let us carefully instruct our church members to be on the lookout for souls as those who must give an account. Honest hearts are everywhere yearning for the light. Let us, this year, make the Big Week by God's help BIG in souls won, money raised, and literature sold.

E. F. HACKMAN.

Washington, D. C.

THE COLPORTEUR'S REWARD

[Many times we hear the oft repeated statement that our literature is to be "scattered like the leaves of Autumn," and sometimes we may wonder how it will be accomplished in the outlying districts on the frontier of our missionary enterprises. But we are so thankful that the Originator of the literature ministry is never handicapped. From here and there He is calling humble, consecrated workers to go out in the byways and do their Lord's biddings. With these biddings come enablings, and as such an example Brother Carl G. Christiansen of Colombia relates the following.]

On my way to Antioquena I stopped at Barranquilla. Although I could not speak a word of Spanish I began at once to sell the *Centinela*. It was only by gestures that I could make myself understood, but the Lord translated these into the language of my costumers, and while in Barranquilla I sold papers to people of five different countries.

From Barranquilla I sailed up the Magdalena river and sold papers in all the towns where our boat stopped. Part of the journey was made by train. As we travelled on toward Medellin, I kept wondering what kind of success I would have there as it is a very strong Catholic city. Somehow I just felt as though I could not attempt it, and beginning was hard. One of the first houses I canvassed was a large, modern office building. Through the plate glass windows I could see the many busy men at work and I questioned in my heart: "Shall I go in or not? What is the use; I can not explain my work?"

But I went in. As I approached one of the men, he looked up from his desk, took the paper, examined it, put down his name, and paid \$1.00 for a subscription. Taking the paper, he canvassed his fellow-workers while I was kept busy writing receipts for subscriptions. Surely, man's extremity is God's opportunity. God sent one to my assistance who would be able to explain my mission.

Many had told me that it would be impossible to get even ten subscriptions to the *Centinela* in Medellin, but thus far I have about 300 and expect to get many more.

Leaving Medellin, I went on to the end of the railroad. It was dark and raining hard when I arrived there. I was hungry and weary. There was no hotel, and the station was wholly unfit for a human being to stay in over night. But again the Lord sent assistance. A man invited me home with him

where he provided me with food and a comfortable bed. From there I walked many miles up into the mountains, and the experiences I had the following days could well be compared with those of the workers who went to Mount Roraima.

In my travels I have met many who are seeking for light and gladly receive it when presented. On one of my journeys made on muleback, I came to a little town where, while engaged in conversation with a man, I mentioned how many days I had been traveling, but said that I rested over Sabbath. He and his wife both became interested immediately. As I could not explain much about the Sabbath because of my limited knowledge of their language, I promised to send some tracts. This I have done, and hope to have some meetings with these interested ones soon. Others also have invited me to hold meetings. The field is white to harvest and in a short time we could have hundreds of believers if we only had workers to send.

While on one of my trips I had some difficulty in getting my books and papers. While in one town, with seemingly nothing to do, I came in contact with a man who became deeply interested in the Bible, and we spent many hours in its study. He soon began to keep the Sabbath. Pastor Nickle has given him further instruction and he is now a baptized member of the church. He attended the colporteurs' institute in Cali, from which he returned to his home to sell his business and join the colporteur army.

As colporteurs we have many difficulties to meet and overcome, but the joy of service and seeing souls give their hearts to Jesus is an abundant reward, and "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

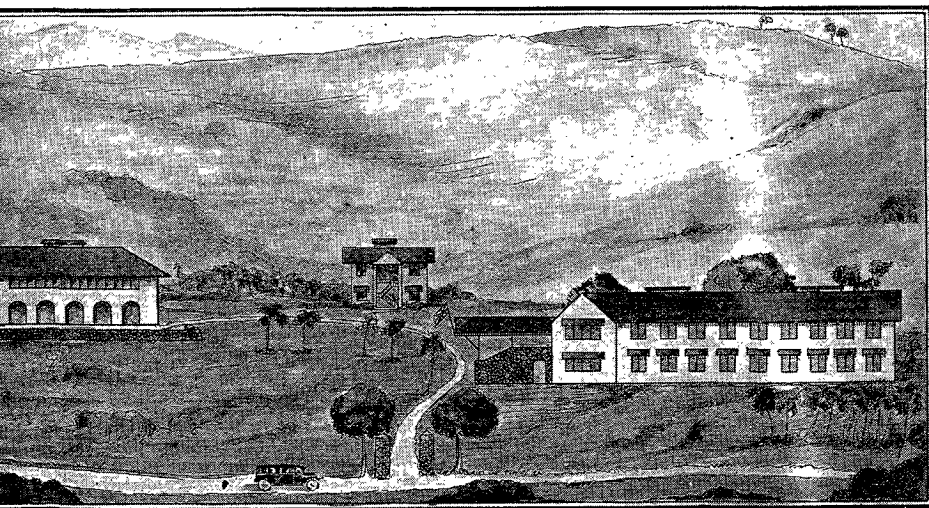
CARL G. CHRISTIANSEN.

Manizales, Colombia.

AFTER TWENTY-ONE YEARS

Many a faithful colporteur, as he travels over the dusty roads, day after day and month after month, wonders whether the seed he has sown will prosper. Has any one ever accepted the truth as the result of my colporteur work? Is the sacrifice I am making all in vain? These are questions he ponders.

About twenty-one years ago a colporteur sold books in a certain territory. Who he was and where he is today, we do not know. He may have turned to other employment, thinking his canvassing work was fruitless. Anyway, he sold a book, and the Spirit of God watched over that book. It was sold to a family that later moved to another part of the country. Several old books were left in the house, and among them was the one



East Caribbean Training School in Trinidad

which was purchased from our colporteur.

A neighbor happened by the place, and entered the unoccupied house. He saw a pile of books, and, on looking over them, he noticed one which had a nice binding and was well illustrated. This he took home.

That book was "Great Controversy." The man read it from cover to cover twice. He also lent it to his neighbors. As he studied the book, he was impressed that it taught the truth, and he longed to know more about the doctrines which it taught. He waited just twenty-one years.

Recently the pastor of the Havana church met this man. Arrangements were made to give Bible studies in his home. Today this man, with his family, is keeping the Sabbath and rejoicing in the truth.

Twenty-one years is a long time to wait; but it shows how the Spirit of God watches over the printed page that the colporteur leaves in the homes, and how He leads the honest in heart to the fountain of life.

G. D. RAFF.

Havana, Cuba.

TEHUANTEPEC MISSION

"It is a laymen's movement," is a familiar expression used by Pastor J. B. Nelson, superintendent of the Tehuantepec Mission. Probably nowhere else in Mexico have we seen such marked progress in so short a time. It seems that the members are all possessed with this thought: "We have no time to lose. The end is near. The passage from place to place to spread the truth will soon be hedged up with dangers on the right and on the left. Everything will be placed to obstruct the way of the Lord's messengers, so that they will not be able to do that which it is possible for them to do now." "Christian Service," p. 79.

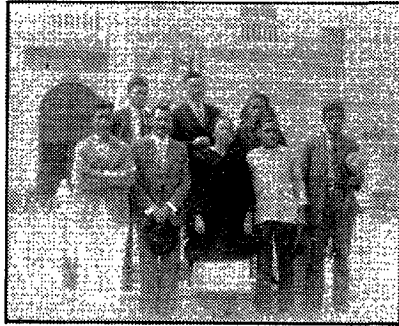
The members being impelled by the love of the truth, working enthusiastically to finish their part of the work while they have opportunity, have enabled the secretaries to report 1,070 members in the Sabbath school. Comparing this report with the one presented twenty years ago, you will see that they have five times as many members in one mission today as they had then in the whole republic.

In Tierra Blanca we visited a company of believers who have not as yet been baptized. We asked them how they found the truth and they replied, "Sister Virginia Hernandez sold us some books, we read them, and were convinced that they contained the truth. Not only the books, but also the sweet and cheerful life of the one who sold them convinced us." This sister has wandered up and down the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, selling many pages of truth-filled literature, and, as a result of

her work, she has brought heaven a little closer to the people of southern Mexico.

We were very sorry not to have our sister attend the colporteurs' institute held in Vera Cruz, the chief port of Mexico, and the place where Cortez landed on Good Friday, April 21, 1519. Because of the richness of the land in gold the place was named *Villa Rica de la Santa Cruz* (Rich land of the holy cross).

In that same port we landed, but ours was a greater object than the conquest of gold. We came together to get a better preparation to sell our truth-filled literature. The roll call was answered by the following: Brethren R. H. Agui-



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lar, Max Fuss, C. Pena, G. Aguilar, and B. Sulvaran, and Sister B. de Sulvaran.

Brother B. Sulvaran has only one arm, but his whole heart is in the work. He and his good wife go together from town to town, distributing many pages of truth. The way has not always been easy, and their experiences have not always been the most pleasant. In one town they were stoned, but Brother Sulvaran said, "Not one stone touched us." Intolerance and fanaticism still reign in the land that is fighting hard to free itself of the heavy yoke that it has been carrying for centuries.

These two workers are responsible for the strong work that we have in Puerto Mexico today. Some years ago Sister B. de Sulvaran picked up a torn piece of *Señales de los Tiempos*. She read it, took it to her home, and then wrote to Mexico City for more copies. She purchased a Bible, and it was not long before she was convinced of the truth. Her new found hope was given to her friends, and together they organized a Sabbath school in her small home. Soon her room was too small to accommodate all; and consideration was given to enlarge the room. But from where would they get the money necessary for building a larger room? For years Sister Sulvaran had been saving money with which to purchase a set of false teeth; and the thought came to her, "Can't I do without the teeth and let God have the

money?" That is precisely what she did, and today the members, numbering one hundred, have a place of worship in Puerto Mexico.

Seventy-two attended our evening services in Vera Cruz. Brother J. B. Nelson said: "This is a sample of what is happening all over this mission. People will come out, and they will listen. If we only had the workers!"

I can remember the time when it would have meant much work, perseverance, and prayer to find two persons who dared to enter *una conferencia evangelica* (a gospel mission). They feared excommunication, and that is something terrible to a Catholic. It means that he will be cut off from the church, that his own family, his friends, and others will shun him; and he is told that he will burn eternally in the agonies of hell fire. It means that he is barred from social functions, and will have trouble in the business life. Excommunication is the heaviest penalty the pope can inflict.

What Mexico needs today is MORE WORKERS. The doors are open and many who have sat in darkness are rejoicing in the blessed hope, while many others are urging our men to come and explain to them the way of life.

"He who called the fishermen of Galilee is still calling men to His service. And He is just as willing to manifest His power through us as through the first disciples. However imperfect and sinful we may be, the Lord holds out to us the offer of partnership with Himself, of apprenticeship to Christ. He invites us to come under the divine instruction, that, uniting with Christ, we may work the works of God."—"Desire of Ages," p. 29.

J. A. P. GREEN

Balboa, Canal Zone.

ATLANTIC-COLOMBIA

Brother Luis Urbina has taken about \$2,700.00 worth of orders in three months, but he is having a little opposition in his delivery, as the following extract from his letter will show:

"When I presented 'Our Day' to the mayor here, he asked me by what authorization I was propagating our doctrines. I told him, 'with the authorization of the constitution of Colombia.' He told me that in spite of that he would prevent my propaganda, for I did not have the ecclesiastical authorization. I replied that I was going to telegraph the proper national authorities, soliciting official authorization. I went out to do so and found the telegraph line out of commission, by which I understood that the Lord did not want me to telegraph. I continued canvassing, even though the people told me the police were looking for me. The mayor has done nothing yet. The priest, in his sermon today, warned the people not to buy my books, for they were bad books—heresies. Some have cancelled

their orders for this reason, and others are doing so."

But not all is opposition, for there are honest souls in that place also. Another paragraph of his letter reads: "Among the many things I have to tell you is the good news that Señor Ramón Vasquez, his wife, and mother have believed on the Lord and have kept their first Sabbath. I have now experienced my first joy in seeing souls converted to Christ by the literature I am selling."

I have recently visited Fundación, in the banana zone, where I found the brethren and sisters of good courage. Three persons asked for baptism, which they will receive after some more instruction. I did not see Brother Coronado, for he was out in the country selling our good literature. Our people there tell me that there are several keeping the Sabbath in Camperucho, 54 miles from Fundación, on the road to San Juan de Cesar. So the Lord's work keeps spreading on beyond the occupied parts of our field.

Brother Valdes reports from Sincelajo that the members of our company there were greatly encouraged by the recent baptism. Of two of the newly baptized members he says: "Brother and Sister Dominguez went to an out-of-the-way place about three leagues from here, called Buena Vista, and have interested some there with the book, 'Hope of the World.' They are now asking me to go and explain to them more of the new religion."

Brother Redondo opened his effort in Monteria with a fair attendance inside the hall and a large crowd outside. All gave excellent attention to his discourse. Brother Valdes was also present and assisted on the opening night. All present seemed pleased with the service, and promised to continue to attend. This is very encouraging, for Monteria is strongly Catholic, and this is the first time any public Protestant work has been done there. But the Lord has honest hearts among these Catholic people, and is opening the way for them to receive His truth.

W. E. THURBER.

Barranquilla, Colombia.

WITH OUR MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

From the general office in Washington, D. C., Professor Kern writes the following:

"Our Missionary Volunteer work certainly is onward in old Germany. Our membership there has now passed the 10,000 mark. Europe reports splendid success in the Harvest Ingathering work. The Hungarian Union reports that seven non-Adventist young people, who were members of the Standard of Attainment class, were baptized at the close of the course of study. There is a steady in-

crease in the Missionary Volunteer reports from Africa.

"The Australian young people are selling the splendid edition of the Morning Watch calendar which they have prepared, and turning the profits to Big Week. We shall watch with interest the work in South America where they are following the plan of devoting part of the society meetings to band work. Brother Frost is hoping to see our message spread through China like the nationalist movement did for a time.

THE HEART OF A FRIEND

O the heart of a friend is a marvelous place,
Where one finds contentment and peace;
Where the grasp of the hand shows that you understand,
As the blessings of friendship increase.

For the heart of a friend never wonders nor doubts,
No matter if the years intervene.
The old faith is there and naught can compare
With the comfort it gives, tho' unseen.

O the heart of a friend is the place sweet and rare,
To love, to enrich, to enjoy;
Respond if you will to its charm and its thrill,
While forgetting the cares that annoy.

Yes, the heart of a friend is the one thing I prize,
As life lengthens and twilight descends;
It's the last boon I'll ask when I finish my task,
That I live in the hearts of my friends.

—Christian Evangelist.

MISSIONARY BOOKS

Are your books good missionaries? The Missionary Volunteer society at Sangre Grande, Trinidad, has made its library a missionary library indeed. One young woman read about twelve books from that library in one year, and wrote the one in charge of the books that she had received very much help from the volumes read.

Why should not every Missionary Volunteer society have a missionary library? Circulate the books among friends who know not the truth as well as among our own young people. Have some one take care of the books, being responsible for keeping a record of all and seeing that they are kept in good condition. Then let every other member of the society cooperate with the librarian in taking good care of the books and doing his best to help circulate them where they can do the most good.

HELP JAPAN AND CHOSEN

Last January when our union committee met, we considered the favor that was shown to Japan and Chosen in granting us a Thirteenth Sabbath offering, and desired to do all we could within our own fields to lift on this offering. The following action was taken:

"Whereas, The offering for the Thirteenth Sabbath of the second quarter of this year is designated to cover the budget allowances for the Korean and Japanese fields, and

"Whereas, There is a great need for a liberal overflow offering so that we may have additional funds for use in connection with the medical and educational work in this field,

"Be it resolved, That we make the following our minimum efforts to secure these additional funds,—

"First, That the membership of this Union Committee pledge itself to at least double its personal Thirteenth Sabbath Offering on the forthcoming occasion;

"Second, That we request the Sabbath School Department in our union to prepare a suitable pamphlet for use in the schools in our field; this to contain, among other matter, a suggestion that we all plan to observe a week of self-denial, prior to the taking of this special offering, devoting the saving thus achieved to the object of at least doubling the individual offering on this particular Sabbath."

Our regular budget for this year is not as much as we had hoped to have, and we must not undertake anything in the way of new or additional work unless other funds are provided. Our school and medical work are both needy, and then there are the calls coming in from different parts of the field asking for funds with which to enter new places and strengthen those already occupied.

For a number of years the constituency of the Japan Union have been calling for a doctor. The empire of Japan with its dense population of sixty million needs our medical missionary department. Japan is one of the world powers and is destined to act an important part in world affairs. Great progress has been and is being made in science, education, and commerce. Better methods and the latest equipment are in demand.

Those who have become acquainted with our medical work as carried on in our sanitariums and health institutions have often requested us to open this branch of the work in Japan. The health conditions of the people call most urgently for our methods of treating disease and message of healthful living.

Think of a population half that of the United States and not a Seventh-day Adventist doctor or a medical institution to represent this important department of our work! Can you wonder the call has gone from Japan for a beginning to be made in this branch of the work?

The transfer of our school to the country and the teaching of industries has brought us favorable comment from those in authority in the government. The papers in Japan have given considerable space to our school and its work. We believe our medical work is destined to play an important part in opening doors, breaking down prejudice, and making us friends in this field. We have lost much by our delay in starting our medical work. Last, but not least, is the need of our own members.

Tokyo, Japan. V. T. ARMSTRONG.

AROUND THE CIRCLE

Brother Harry E. Beddoe, writing from the Bahamas, says: "Brethren N. L. Taylor and G. D. Raff, from the union office, spent a little time with us the latter part of March. It was a real treat to have these workers here. The Bahamas being out of the beaten path are not very often favored by visits of our workers."

"The Nassau Sabbath school recently brought in \$112.76 for the Investment Fund; and the Thirteenth Sabbath offering for the first quarter in that school amounted to \$63.92. We feel very pleased over this offering raised by a Sabbath school whose church membership is only ninety-two."

Brother C. L. Stilson is home again after an absence of about three months. He brought encouraging reports from his visits to Trinidad, Venezuela, and Atlantic Colombia. However, since he returned we have received word of the illness of Sister Ira M. Gish and of her return to the States. Her husband expected to follow her soon. We always regret the loss of workers, especially where the ranks are so very thin. Truly, every such loss is a call to reconsecration and to pray still more earnestly that the Lord will send more workers into this great harvest field before "the night cometh when no man can work."

We were also made sad the other day to receive a cable saying that Sister N. H. Kinzer has been compelled to leave Porto Rico. We trust that with the medical help she can obtain in the homeland, she will soon be able to rejoin her husband in the work in which they were making such splendid progress.

Cables also bring good news to the division office. The other day one came saying that Sister Baasch has improved miraculously, and that she and her husband can now plan to return to the mission field. You, who have been praying so earnestly for the recovery of Sister Baasch, will want to thank God for answering prayers in her behalf.

For a time it seemed that Brother and Sister Cleaves would have to leave the interior of Venezuela. But our hearts were made very glad the other day to receive a letter from Brother Cleaves. He says:

"I am glad to report that my wife is getting along much better and we have decided to stay here at all costs and go on with the work that is progressing so nicely. . . . We both like the place very much, and have high hopes for the future of the work here in this region. We have found a little cottage on the outskirts of town which we think will suit our needs well and where all say we will find the finest climate in Venezuela. . . . We have interest now in four towns outside of San Cristobal and all can be reached by auto within four to six hours."

Friday afternoon, April 27, we had the pleasure of welcoming Sister J. A. P. Green back to Balboa. We are very glad to have her back in her usual place in the division family circle, and pray that her health may be preserved for service in Inter-America.

Pastor E. E. Andross returned to the division office May 6. With him were Pastor and Sister D. A. Parsons from the Mexican Union. Both Brother and Sister Parsons were greatly in need of a change from the high altitude; and we trust that their brief stay in the Zone will prove to be a great help to them healthwise.

Brother F. L. Harrison returned to the division office May 17 after spending some time in Mexico, attending the union meeting and auditing the union books. The same boat also brought other fellow workers whom we were glad to welcome. These were Brother H. H. Cobban, assistant treasurer of the General Conference, from Washington, D. C., Brother J. G. Pettey, secretary-treasurer of the Mexican Union, and Brother H. A. B. Robinson, the Mexican Union bookman.

Pastor Hutchinson reports a recent visit to Bocas del Toro. While there he visited the grave of Pastor Frank Hutchins who made the supreme sacrifice for the work of the Lord in that section by laying down his life on "the field of honor," at the age of 33 years. He is now resting from his labors in a beautiful spot overlooking Bocas del Toro, and by his side lies his companion in service, Dr. John Eccles. After years of earnest labor they both succumbed to disease in the same year—only seven months apart. The sweet influence of their devoted lives still lives in the minds of those for whom they labored 26 years ago; and we feel confident that when their "prison houses" are opened at the call of the Lifegiver, these pioneer workers will arise to greet those who have been saved by their toil and sacrifice.

Instead of spending about two days of wearisome traveling by boat to return home from Bocas del Toro, Pastor Hutchinson was accorded the privilege of a sea plane trip which required only about two hours. On learning that a plane had just arrived in Bocas del Toro with a priest as its passenger, he immediately sought out Lieutenant Johnson, the pilot, and asked permission to return with him. He immediately received a favorable reply and within twenty minutes was off for home.

THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST

The nearer we approach to them the more we feel that the sufferings of Christ are unlike any other suffering; that He died the just for the unjust, the Holy One for sinners; and washed out with His blood the guilt of a fallen world. We bow down and adore the atoning sacrifice of boundless love. The mere idea of a divine-human Redeemer of the race from the thralldom of sin and death is surpassingly sublime and irresistibly attractive; how much more the actual reality! It is, indeed, a mystery which we cannot fully grasp; but a mystery so palpably divine and heavenly in its origin and character, so blessed in its effects, that head and heart are constrained to bow in adoration and praise, and are filled with gratitude and joy. The passion and crucifixion of Jesus, like His whole character, stand, without a parallel, solitary and alone in their glory, and will ever continue to be what they have been for these nineteen hundred years to the noblest and best of men—the sacred theme of meditation, the exemplar of suffering virtue, the weapon against sin and Satan, the stimulus to gratitude and holiness, the comfort and peace."—*Philip Schaff*.

As this MESSENGER goes to press the delegates that have been studying the secretary-treasurers' problems are giving prayerful consideration to the work of the printed page. A spirit of deep devotion pervaded the opening session and we bespeak greater victories as the days go by.

GERMAN LITERATURE

Some of our friends in Mexico can supply those who desire literature in the German language with a limited number of copies of most of our German books at very reasonable rates. For prices write Agencia de Publicaciones, 79 Calle Agricultura, Tacubaya, D. F., Mexico.

SECRETARY-TREASURERS' MEETING

Thursday and Friday, May 24 and 25, the secretary-treasurers' meeting for the Inter-American Division was held. Problems pertaining to the work of secretary-treasurers were given prayerful consideration and two profitable days were spent in their study. It was a real pleasure to meet the workers from the different parts of the Inter-American Division. Below we are giving a list of those who attended the meeting:

From the General Conference: H. H. Cobban, E. F. Hackman. From the Inter-American Division: E. E. Andross, F. L. Harrison, C. E. Wood, C. L. Stilson, J. A. P. Green, Mrs. E. E.

Andross, Mrs. Mabel Lastinger, Miss Sallie Jenkins, Miss Lauretta Wood.

From the Antillian Union: A. R. Ogden, N. L. Taylor, G. D. Raff; Bahama Mission: Harry Beddoe; Cuba Mission: A. A. Davis, R. E. Stewart, W. H. England; Haiti: M. D. Howard, John DeCaenel, H. Lanoix; Jamaica Conference: J. W. Grounds, B. A. Mecker, R. J. Sype; Porto Rico Mission: B. Bullard, J. Welsh, Mrs. B. Welsh, A. Marrero; Santo Domingo Mission: R. G. Jones, Paul Johnson.

From the Central American Union: W. E. Baxter, A. P. Christiansen; Costa Rica-Nicaragua: C. B. Sutton; Salvador: W. A. Lusk, J. R. McWilliams; Honduras: E. J. Lorntz, J. Lowry, Cole, A. Fanselau, Mrs. A. Fanselau; West Caribbean: L. L. Hutchinson, A. V. Larson, Miss Viola Cooke.

From the Colombia-Venezuela Union: Antioqueña: E. M. Trummer; Atlantic-Colombia: E. W. Thurber; Central Colombia: G. C. Nickle, Mrs. G. C. Nickle, E. Plata; Curacao: D. C. Babcock; Venezuela: W. Steele, F. W. Steeves.

From the East Caribbean Union: Guiana: C. H. Carter; Leeward Islands: M. E. Lowry, H. Skadshem, Mrs. H. Skadshem; South Caribbean: Benjamin Yip.

From the Mexican Union: D. A. Parsons, J. G. Pettey, H. A. B. Robinson, Mrs. D. A. Parsons.

Brother H. H. Cobban, assistant treasurer of the General Conference, Washington, D. C., rendered valuable help. We also appreciated the help of Pastor E. F. Hackman of the General Conference Home Missionary Department. In addition to the secretary-treasurers, we were glad to have several of the union superintendents and other workers attend this meeting. We sincerely trust that this meeting will tell for the building up of our office work in the different fields.

F. L. HARRISON,
Balboa, C. Z. Secretary-Treasurer.

We have had the pleasure of welcoming new delegates as the day for the beginning of the Bookmen's and Home Missionary Convention approached. These were Brother J. M. Rowse, of the main office of the Pacific Press, Brother H. H. Hall, of the General Conference Publishing Department; Brother Carl Christiansen and F. W. Brower of Colombia, Pastor M. A. Hollister and Brother J. M. Carter, of the East Caribbean Union, and Brother E. P. Howard, of the Guatemala Mission; as well as our friends from the Pacific Press in the Zone: Brother E. W. Everest, Brother J. A. Leland, Jr., Brother D. R. Buckner, and Miss Kathryn Haynal.

UNITED IN SERVICE

About ten months ago Brother Fanselau came from Germany to help scatter soul-winning literature in Inter-America, and he has been doing very enthusiastic work. As he came down to the Canal Zone to attend the Bookmen's and Home Missionary Convention, he had the delightful privilege of meeting his fiancée, who arrived from Germany May 17. She has had several years of experience in the Lord's work in her native country and now comes to join her lover and to cast her life into the furrow of Inter-America's great need.

We had the pleasure of attending a quiet little service in our division chapel where these two young people were united in holy matrimony. We congratulate Honduras on being able to add these splendid Christian young people to their staff of workers, and our earnest prayer is that God may greatly bless these young people as they go forth in united service for the Master.

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