



## Your Mission and Mine

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Since the fall of man the only medium between God and man has been Jesus, the Son of God and the Son of man. He alone has bridged the chasm that sin made between heaven and earth; He is the ladder reaching from the throne of God down to the lost world; He is our only hope of salvation. In Him we have hope because with His divine arm He laid hold upon the throne of God, and with His human arm He encircles humanity. In Him heaven and earth meet.

Adam failed in the conflict with the evil one; but Jesus, the second Adam, (1 Cor. 15:47) having come to earth, and having "taken upon Him the form of a servant" and having been "made in the likeness of men," engaged in conflict with man's foe, winning, in man's behalf, a complete and eternal triumph. Having thus triumphed, He ascended to the right hand of the Father, where He ever lives as our Advocate and Intercessor.

All who accept Jesus as their personal Saviour are sent forth as His representatives. Having accepted Him in truth, they become children of God, being born of His Spirit. Thus God lives in humanity, and men and women are prepared fitly to represent Him among others. Redeemed men thus become the medium through which God works to rescue those who are still under the power and dominion of sin.

"Christ accepts, O so gladly! every human agency that is surrendered to Him. He brings the human into union with the divine that He may communicate to the world the mysteries of incarnate love. *Talk it, pray it, sing it, fill the world with the message of His truth, and keep pressing on into the regions beyond.*"—*"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 30.*

"Ye are My witnesses, saith the Lord." "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you;

and ye shall be witnesses unto Me. . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth." Isa. 43:10; Acts 1:8.

It is that which we have heard, which we have seen, and which we have felt of the transforming power of God's grace in our own lives to which we are to bear witness (1 John 1:1-3). Such testimony can be borne most effectively when it is animated by the grace of a sanctified, holy life.

"Kindly words simply spoken, little attentions simply bestowed, will sweep away the clouds of temptation and doubt that gather over the soul. The true heart-expression of Christlike sympathy, given in simplicity, has power to open the door of hearts that need the simple, delicate touch of the Spirit of Christ. . . .

### WHAT HAVE WE DONE TODAY?

We shall do so much in the years to come,  
But what have we done today?

We shall give our gold in a princely sum,  
But what did we give today?

We shall lift the heart and dry the tear,  
We shall plant a hope in the place of fear,  
We shall speak the words of love and cheer;  
But what did we speak today?

We shall be so kind in the afterwhile,  
But what have we been today?

We shall bring to each lonely life a smile,  
But what have we brought today?

We shall give to truth a grander birth,  
And to steadfast faith a deeper worth,  
We shall feed the hungering souls of earth;  
But whom have we fed today?

We shall reap such joy in the by and by,  
But what have we sown today?

We shall build us mansions in the sky,  
But what have we built today?

'Tis sweet in idle dreams to bask,  
But here and now do we do our task?

Yes, this is the thing our souls must ask:  
"What have we done today?"

—Nixon Waterman.

"The Lord desires His church to show forth to the world the beauty of holiness. She is to demonstrate the power of Christian religion. Heaven is to be reflected in the character of the Christian. The song of gratitude and praise is to be heard by those in darkness. For the good tidings of the gospel, for its promises and assurances, we are to express our gratitude by seeking to do others good. The doing of this work will bring rays of heavenly righteousness to wearied, perplexed, suffering souls. It is a fountain opened for the wayworn, thirsty traveller. At every work of mercy, every work of love, angels of God are present."—*"Testimonies," Vol. IX, pp. 30, 31.*

The divine and the human, reunited in redeemed men, bridge the chasm of sin between heaven and earth; and thus man is enabled to do the work of the Redeemer in behalf of fallen men. What an exalted work is this! And yet it is not to be confined to a chosen few. Every member of the church is "necessary" (1 Cor. 12:22) for the completion of the task her Lord has assigned her.

The whole church is now called to a life of holy endeavor for God. Every believer, including the most obscure member, is to be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power. Precious results will follow sincere, unselfish effort.

### HEALED IN ANSWER TO PRAYER

For the glory of God I feel led to write concerning my wonderful experience of healing from cancer.

When the doctor examined me, he found that I had a growth, and told me it was necessary that I should have an operation. I asked for time to think and pray over it; and he said, "Very well, but don't wait too long." I asked the Lord for a sign and received it, and told the doctor what I had decided.

He then said, "I hardly know how to tell you." I said, "Yes, doctor, tell me, I am not afraid; I am trusting in Jesus."

"It is a very serious case," he continued, "and in your condition, you only stand a fifty-fifty chance; but I am going to operate as it will not get better."

I told him I would put myself in his hands. He was in God's hands, and I was in God's hands, so His will would be done. He felt that we should have another doctor's opinion. I told him I did not wish it; I was perfectly satisfied, but he said it would be best, so I consented, and the operation was to be on Thursday, January 26, 1928.

On Wednesday evening the other doctor arrived, and after he examined me, he said, "We must have an X-ray examination, and so the operation was postponed until Sunday, the 29th. When the doctors examined the X-ray plate the next day, they saw the cancer.

I began preparations on Friday for the operation, and was fully prepared to go to sleep, quite happy and full of peace, knowing that all my sins were cleansed in the precious blood of Jesus, and looking forward to the resurrection morning. The promises of God were so sweet to my soul. On Sabbath morning I received a letter from two dear sisters, asking me if I had thought of being anointed, and following the instruction in James 5. They also referred me to the promise of John 11: 25, which they had asked for me. I read it, and an inspiration came to me. As I prayed, this thought came into my mind: "Elder Edmed is here, I will ask the Lord to pour His spirit of heavenly wisdom upon him, and when I speak to him his answer shall be God's will for me."

When Elder Edmed came, and I told him how I had been led, almost before I could finish he smiled and said, "Why, my dear sister, I was praying all day yesterday that you might be led to ask for this, as it must come from yourself." So there was my definite answer. Oh, how beautifully the dear Lord plans for us. He left my room to pray and fast till the appointed hour—three o'clock Sabbath afternoon, January 28, 1928. I continued my fasting for the anointing. We had a most blessed hour.

Doctor Ruble, Pastor Edmed, Pastor McAvoy, and Sisters Taylor and Sanders were present. When all had spoken and prayed, Elder Edmed anointed me, and concluded his prayer thus: "And now we thank Thee, dear Lord, for what Thou *hast done*;" and then turning to me, he said, "it is done, dear sister; all you have to do is to rise and dress." I said, "It is; I will," and they left the room. I immediately, after five and a half weeks in bed, during which time I was too weak to walk, got out of bed, stood on my feet, and praised the Lord. I then dressed and went downstairs to vespers, and have been well ever since.

My heart is too full for words to express my praise and gratitude, as I would wish; but I feel that this is part

of the latter rain that God is waiting to bestow upon His church.

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#### THREE OUTSTANDING NEEDS

In considering the many needs of the Antillian Union Mission, I find three that impress themselves upon my mind as the most outstanding. I have been confronted everywhere with the distressing need of schools, medical dispensaries, and church buildings.

While we have a few good schools, we have barely touched the problem of our educational needs. In a recent letter from Pastor Nygaard, superintendent of the Santo Domingo Mission, he says: "I hope it can be decided to give us a graded school in Santo Domingo, for I feel sure it would do a very good work. Our young people and many not of our faith would be eager to attend." Surely, we should open, at least, *one* graded school in Santo Domingo.

We do not only need to *strengthen* the schools we have in Cuba, Jamaica, Haiti, and Porto Rico, but we should *establish* a number of day schools in each of these islands.

Often as we read the pleas for medical help for India, China, Africa, and other needy fields, our hearts are deeply moved, and they *should* be; but my dear fellow-believers, right here at our very doors lies a vast field whose pitiful plea for help can well be likened to that of the helpless sufferer, who, more than a thousand years ago, looked up into the gentle, loving face of the great Physician and said, "If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean." And from the hearts of those in whose hands He left His unfinished work, should come the same tender response, "we will."

Our third and equally urgent need is to provide modest little church buildings in all these islands. It is the *only* way in which we shall ever be able to give strength and permanency to our work. I believe that if we could double our church building capacity, throughout these islands, we would double our membership in two years' time.

A. R. OGDEN.

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#### PROGRESS IN THE BAHAMAS MISSION

During the past year the Lord blessed the efforts that were put forth in the Bahamas and thirty-four new members were added to the church, making a net gain over 1927 of nineteen. It

has been the best year Bahamas has ever experienced.

Brother O. J. Lawrence has been canvassing in the city of Nassau since September, and Brother Harry Beddoe, the secretary-treasurer, has been devoting some of his time in that work also. They have taken hold of the work with much enthusiasm, and have gone to several of the bookstores and placed a number of large orders. They have also visited a number of the physicians in the city here and sold books to most of them. A number of the church members are taking an interest in selling our books.

During the past year I have spent most of my time travelling around visiting the churches. I have baptized some in almost every church, and from nearly every one of these places comes the good news that more are ready for that sacred rite, and that the new converts are firm in the truth.

The lack of workers is sadly felt. I am the only minister in the mission now.

May God continue to bless the work through this division.

W. E. BIDWELL.

Nassau, Bahamas.

#### IN THE BAHAMAS

It was the writer's privilege to spend a week in December in the Bahamas, at the headquarters in the beautiful city of Nassau on the island of New Providence.

In the Bahama group there are about seven hundred islands, islets, or cays, and over two thousand rocks. About twenty-five of the islands are inhabited, the larger ones being Andros, Abaco, Eleuthera, Inagua, New Providence and San Salvador. These islands lie about forty miles off the east coast of Florida, extending for about seven hundred miles in a southeast direction toward Haiti. One of the chief claims to fame of this group is the fact that they were discovered by Columbus, his first landing being made at San Salvador, or Watling Island, on October 12, 1492.

The Bahama group is an English colony. The religion of the islands is mainly Protestant. There is a population upwards of sixty thousand; and our own work is established on several of the islands. We have six organized churches with other small companies and isolated believers in the mission.

For nearly four years, Pastor W. E. Bidwell has served the field faithfully and well as superintendent; but, owing to his advancing years and the difficulties of travelling in the field, it has been thought best to bring to the superintendency a younger man, before Brother Bidwell breaks in health. Too much cannot be said in appreciation of the arduous and self-sacrificing labors of

Brother Bidwell during the years he has served in this trying and difficult field. While it is a sacrifice for him to disconnect from work here, he has accepted the decision for a change with a most kindly and Christian attitude.

Brother Harry E. Beddoe, son of Pastor B. E. Beddoe of the General Conference, is secretary-treasurer of the mission, and is doing faithful and acceptable work, while Sister Beddoe is demonstrating a real missionary spirit by helping in the office with stenographic work and by carrying the Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer Departments.

I also wish to mention the faithful work of Brother H. T. Saulter of Oakwood Junior College, who has recently come to this field to teach. Brother Saulter is much more than a teacher. He is a real missionary, and a great help in the work of the church.

Brother O. J. Lawrence has labored in this mission for the past three years in various capacities. At present he is doing splendid work as a missionary colporteur. The Lord is blessing his efforts in a marked manner.

We greatly appreciate also the loyal cooperation of native members who are serving faithfully in church official capacity and otherwise. A. R. OGDEN.

*Havana, Cuba.*

We are glad to report that although the hurricane of September 16 destroyed several of the larger churches in Nassau, our own church of comparatively delicate structure was left standing, practically unharmed. None of our out-island churches in the Bahamas was damaged.

Following the Autumn Council Pastor A. R. Ogden visited several large churches in New York City and appealed for help for the sufferers in Porto Rico. It is reported that several tons of clothing came in for these needy people as a result of this appeal. We are sure this will be a great help to the people who lost all they had in the terrible storm.

We are glad to report that Sister A. R. Ogden has sufficiently recuperated to come to the Inter-American Division. She and their daughter have now come to Havana, and Pastor Ogden in telling us this good news went on to say:

"I plan to be in Port-au-Prince, Haiti February 2. From there I will go to Santo Domingo; then over to Porto Rico to counsel with Pastor Borrowdale and others regarding their school situation and other conditions that have arisen because of the terrible hurricane of last summer in that beautiful island.

"Word from Professor Mangold at Aibonito indicates that notwithstanding the very serious handicaps under which they are endeavoring to operate, the

Lord is blessing their endeavors at the school.

"A recent letter from Pastor Nygaard shows that the Lord has greatly blessed them in their work in Santo Domingo during the year, as he stated that they fully expected to baptize at least seventy-five by the close of 1928."

"Encouraging reports come from Pastor de Caenel. We are especially pleased to know of the Lord's special blessing in the erection of their splendid new church building which is now ready for occupancy, at Port-au-Prince. Pastor C. J. Foster superintended its construction.

"Letters from Pastor Edmed give evidence that the Lord is blessing in a very special manner in Jamaica. The Harvest Ingathering had brought in considerable more than \$4,000.00 at last report. That certainly is splendid, considering conditions in Jamaica.

"Pastor Edmed also stated that Brother Stockhausen had baptized 100 during the year, as a result of his own work and that of his associate laborers, and of the faithful lay members. Surely, God has set His hand to finish the work in all the earth.

"While the year 1928 was rather a trying one for the work in Cuba in many respects, yet the Lord has blessed and a goodly number have been baptized in this field. We anticipate that 1929 will be even more fruitful in the ingathering of souls in all the fields of the Antillian Union, for our people, on every hand, are united in the one all-absorbing purpose—giving the Message as rapidly as possible."

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#### HARVEST INGATHERING IN HONDURAS

(Honduras swept past her 1928 Harvest Ingathering Campaign which closed late in the year.)

Most of us started out in the Harvest Ingathering campaign in 1928 with many doubts in our minds as to the reaching of our goal. It was election year. There had been so many rumors of revolution, and business was bad everywhere, so we had some good reasons for our doubts. But thanks be to the Lord for the victory. It has meant harder work, but then the joy was greater when we saw success ahead.

One day my partner and I entered a saloon where some men, in a very happy mood were celebrating the marketing of a new beer. It certainly did not look very encouraging. But before we had a chance to ask for donations for our work, the men started to give and in a

few minutes we had \$24.00. The Syrians, who dominate as merchants in many places, have been very liberal givers.

With Pastor Olson, I had the privilege of visiting some government officials, and it was a joy to see how gladly they gave. We have most of the ministers down on our cards. Honduras is a very democratic country, and we are thankful to God for the openings that are given us. The president gave us a good offering a year ago; but 1928 he was too busy to grant us an interview for the day we desired.

For the last two years we have tried to do some missionary work among the many Norwegian ships that regularly come to the ports of Honduras. They are chartered by the large Fruit Companies, and run between here and the United States. I wrote to our publishing house in Norway, and our brethren there kindly sent me a good supply of literature, which I have used whenever opportunity was given. I have seen as many as four Norwegian ships in Tela at one time; and everybody, from the captain and down, is very anxious to obtain our reading matter.

There is a great work to be done and we solicit your prayers for the advancement of the last message here in Honduras.

E. J. LORNTZ.

*Pedro Sula, Honduras.*

#### THE BOCAS DEL TORO DISTRICT

Sabbath, September 30, together with Brother A. E. Connor, I visited a home Sabbath school that had recently been organized. It consisted of four adults and three children. All seemed to be enjoying the new experience. The amount of \$7.43 was turned over for the quarter and two members expressed themselves ready for baptism, for which we were glad. At one o'clock in the afternoon we left for Bocas to get ready for Coco Plum. About six o'clock the boat sailed, and with the exception of about two hours calm, we sailed all night under fair winds, arriving at Coco Plum point by daybreak, Sunday.

The man in charge of the Coco Plum interest is very kind, and on Monday he lent me his horse and saddle to take to Chiriqui River. Upon arriving at the Rio Caña, where the horse would have to swim across while the rider crosses in a canoe, I found no boatman and had to remain there until Tuesday. Monday a boy bringing two horses from the home of our Sabbath school superintendent at Chiriqui, arrived, and my anxiety was relieved. Tuesday morning we crossed the Rio Caña, and reached Chiriqui River at three p. m.

I was glad to find the believers of good courage. Since I left them in June, they have erected a small church of

native wood and thatch, and nicely floored with foreign lumber.

Monday morning while preparing to ride back to Coco Plum, the boat *Rodolfo* was seen in the distance returning from Colon. Expert boatment quickly took me across the bar, and in less than an hour, I was aboard the *Rodolfo* for Bocas. We encountered headwinds sometimes and also much calm. Thus the journey that should be covered in twelve hours took us about forty-four.

October 12, I went to San San and enjoyed a good time there, holding meetings Friday night, Sabbath and Sunday night. I was pleased to see their Harvest Ingathering Thermometer rising and to listen to their good testimonies of praise. On the 15th a short visit was made at Almirante. Tuesday brought me to Talamanca. The believers are pressing onward here. Wednesday night the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated and on Tuesday I returned to Almirante to spend Sabbath and Sunday. The Lord was evidently very near by His Spirit in our meetings. Plans were made to prepare for a baptismal service during the coming Week of Prayer.

I close this brief report with an earnest request for the prayers of those who read these lines for the work in Bocas del Toro.

G. H. NEMBARD.

*Bocas del Toro, Panama.*

### COSTA DE PALENQUE

I am happy to report the baptism of five persons as the first fruits of Costa de Palenque, which is located on the coast of Panama that stretches eastward from Colon, and is bounded on the east by Intendencia de San Blas. Darkness and superstition prevail there; and the difficulties that confront the worker are very forbidding. I am confident, however, that the Lord, who began this good work, will carry it on and finish it up to the honor of His name.

JOHN J. SMITH.

*Costa de Palenque, Panama.*

### A DAY AT OUR SCHOOL

Returning from a Harvest Ingathering trip into the interior, Pastor N. W. Dunn and I arrived at the West Caribbean Training School on Friday afternoon, and arranged to stay over the Sabbath. This school is situated in a most picturesque place on the banks of the Panama Canal. From the guest room we could see the large ships from all nations steaming quietly by. How thankful we are for this wonderful retreat shut away from the noise and clamor of the world.

We attended early morning worship with the students and later the Sabbath school. The eleven o'clock hour was

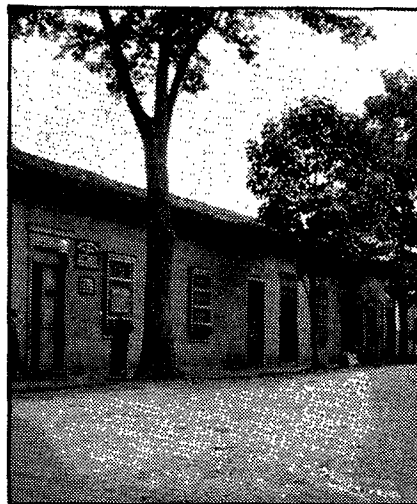
one that will long be remembered by all. The Lord was with us and the presence of the Holy Spirit was very manifest. The sermon topic was "Character," and the text chosen was Matt. 7:24-27.

After the sermon an invitation was given for those who desired to take their stand for the first time to come forward. While we were singing "Just as I am," a number of students began to move toward the front. Others could be seen going to their classmates or friends and leading them to the altar. One young man brought four or five San Blas Indian boys. Tears were much in evidence; the Lord was working upon the hearts of the young people. A general call was then made for all who desired to reconsecrate themselves to God and to His work. There was a wonderful response. The whole student body came forward—one hundred per cent. "Blest be the Tie" was sung; after which Brother Newball was ordained to lead out as elder of the church.

In the afternoon Pastor Dunn spoke to the young people. His remarks were timely and were very much appreciated. He gave many experiences of faithfulness on the part of young people in connection with our world-wide work. In the evening the school gave us a most enjoyable social program.

Professor and Sister Stone are doing splendid work at the school. They have the love, respect and hearty cooperation of the entire student body. Brother Newball has lately been added to the faculty and is rendering valuable service.

How grateful we all are for the West Caribbean Training School that has been established here in the country on the Canal Zone. Here our young people may receive a training that will fit them not only for this world, but also for the world to come. We should thank God more than we do, brethren, for this



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school which is being conducted by faithful, God-fearing teachers. Eternity alone can reveal the faithful and unselfish ministry of our consecrated teachers who have tried to shield our young people from the awful tide of evil that is now sweeping over the world like a devastating flood. It pays, my dear parents, to have your young people continually surrounded by Christian influence; and day after day to have inculcated into their minds those eternal principles of righteousness and purity that will enable them to stand in the awful crisis that is soon coming upon the world.

I exhort you to make every sacrifice to place your boys and girls in school where they will learn to love the message.

L. L. HUTCHINSON.

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### DO FOREIGN MISSIONS PAY IN COLOMBIA?

Last Sabbath, time was given to hear the reports of those taking part in the Investment Fund.

One sister had a strong desire to give something but no way appeared to do it. Then she was reminded that jewelry had been given her, and her heart leaped with joy as she sold it to give to Jesus.

Another sister planted some garden vegetables, sold the products, and gave the sum to Jesus. Her sister, who has been recently baptized, remembered a much esteemed present from her husband before he died. She had kept it hidden away to show her love for him; but she decided that she loved Jesus even more than her husband, so she brought out from her trunk a pair of golden earrings and placed them on the altar of the Lord. Her face shown with the glory of the Lord as she did so. All such gifts will be sold by our treasurer and the returns given to the fund.

A poor sister with a large family makes her living by hard work and the rent from a few rooms. She has no special way of raising money, but gladly gives the gain of one room for one month. God bless the dear soul!

A brother who likes sweets and curious things decided to resist buying those things and give the money to the work of the Lord. Thus nearly five dollars was gained for the cause of Christ, and the brother suffers less stomach trouble. Praise the Lord for His redeeming power!

His brother decided to give the profits from the sale of shoe polish and thus brought nearly four dollars to the Lord. A sister decided to plant a gar-

den and sell the products besides giving the eggs laid on Sabbath.

The words of 2 Corinthians 8:5 are being fulfilled in the lives of these earnest Christians. They are devoting much time and energy to Bible study with their friends and neighbors, and in visiting with tracts, papers, books, and in selling the Bible. We are convinced that these believers are enjoying and experiencing the redeeming love and power of Jesus' blood. Do you agree with us? FRED A. BROWER.

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**VISITING THE ISLANDS**

I am glad to be able to report a very interesting three weeks' trip, during which I had the privilege of visiting all our churches and companies in the islands of St. Vincent, Bequia, Union, Carriacou, and Grenada. Sailing from Port of Spain I was joined by Pastor S. L. Ash at St George's, Grenada. He accompanied me on the trip to the islands.

It is a real encouragement to have the privilege of visiting so many of our churches, and see the loyalty, and hear the testimonies of so many who have determined by the Lord's help, to prepare for His coming and to hold up the light of the Third Angel's Message.

Pastor Ash has been laboring untiringly in his endeavor to shepherd the flock in that part of the conference. There are many churches, and they are separated by long distances, and uncertain sea travel. While I rejoice to see so many believers in the Third Angel's Message on these islands, and to hear their earnest testimonies, the sight of so many other small islands in which we have no representative, and the capitals of Grenada and St. Vincent, without churches, causes me to pray the Lord of Harvest that He will send forth reapers, for the "harvest truly is ripe, but the laborers are few."

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**FOUND THIRTY-SEVEN KEEPING THE SABBATH**

I have just returned from a little trip down to Atoyac. For sometime I have been in correspondence with a doctor there, so I decided to go down to see

about the interest he reported. I found thirteen faithfully keeping the Sabbath and paying their tithe and offerings.

When Friday afternoon came, they all made ready for the Sabbath, and at 6:30 were in the doctor's home ready to welcome it. When I went down there, I had no idea of baptizing any one; but I found six awaiting that sacred rite. Others there, with a little more teaching, will soon be ready.

In Guzman, a little farther down the line, there are three adults of this same doctor's family, besides another family, faithfully keeping the Sabbath; and at Tuxpan there are fifteen more. If we only had a worker to put among these people, I am sure we could baptize at least twenty more very soon. Really, I cannot describe the interest that I found among these people.

A short distance from Atoyac, the people are interested, and I am told that many are keeping the Sabbath. The Baptists used to have a strong work at Atoyac, but they have practically abandoned it; and the people are turning to us for the Sabbath truth.

I was also told that there are many people keeping the Sabbath up in the Bay Banderas region. Besides this we have believers in Colima.

E. E. POHLE.

*Guadalajara, Mexico.*

**NEEDS AND EXPERIENCES IN THE GULF MISSION**

About twenty-five years ago the Third Angel's Message was just beginning to gain a foothold in this field. In 1904 the report gave 72 believers for all Mexico. During the years since that date the work has gradually advanced in spite of deep rooted superstition and political upheavals. Twice all foreigners were compelled to leave the field for a time and at other times the work was greatly hindered; yet it has continued to advance.

During the last few years a marked change has taken place in the work in Mexico. There is an awakening which cannot be accounted for except that God is preparing Mexico by His Spirit for the harvest. Last year there were 103

members added to the Sabbath schools in the Gulf Mission alone, a number which though small, is as much as had been gained during the previous twenty-four years of toil.

One of the reasons for the slow growth in membership during past years is found in the fanatical attitude of the people on religious questions, especially those of the lower or uneducated classes. Centuries of training have made them servants of the Catholic church, and subjects to all its superstition. Suspicious of anything that savors of Protestantism, they not only refuse to listen to the gospel, but are ready on the slightest provocation to rise up against it.

Some time ago our native Bible worker had an experience which illustrates that attitude of these people. She with others was holding some meetings in a certain small town when one day she overheard the people talking over their plans to attack the Protestant speaker in the evening. They opened their services early with the hope that trouble might be avoided. The first song had been sung and they were kneeling in prayer when stones began to fly in through the windows and doors.

The Bible worker tried to escape through the back door but was apprehended by the mob in the rear room and beaten until her face was scarred and her eyes were black and swollen. Falling exhausted upon the ground, the "Daughters of Maria," a Catholic organization, seized her by the hair and beat her head upon the ground saying, "You cannot come here teaching Protestantism, we want you to understand that we are all Christians here."

This spirit still exists in the hearts of these people today, especially in the smaller places away from the railroad. This week I returned from a visit to one of these places where I had been called. It was a ranch settlement of about 35 thatched-roofed houses out in the mountains some 25 kilometers from the railroad. As the result of the faithful witnessing of one family about thirty had become interested in the Sabbath truth and were calling for someone to come and teach them more fully.

Believers in the Mecapalapa Mountain church, Mexico. Many of these are Indians



We passed three days without molestation; but on the third night ten drink-crazed men came up to carry out their designs. They gathered in front of the house, and, from 11 o'clock in the night until five in the morning, they brandished their long knives, and with wicked cursing threatened the lives of those within. We thank God that they retired at the coming of the morning without doing anyone injury. Surely, the good Lord protected us from the evil designs of those men.

In this place as well as many others that might be mentioned, there are no educational advantages. The children are growing up in ignorance. What a blessing it would be if a school could be established where our children with many others might be under the influence of a Christian teacher. But in all our mission there is not one school where we can train the children and youth. We need to do something soon that we may lay a foundation in their early years.

At the same time we must concern ourselves with the problem of how to break down the prejudice that is holding so many in darkness, and prepare these people to listen to the gospel story. The possibility of winning them will come more quickly through our demonstrations of kindness and helpfulness in a material way than by any other method. We must find a way to help them in their necessity. The "entering wedge," that has ever proved effective to win the good will of a superstitious and prejudiced people, has been the medical work. Yet, brethren, to date there is neither doctor nor nurse, hospital, dispensary nor treatment room in all our mission,—ay more, in all Mexico,—to represent this phase of the message.

There are great possibilities before us in this line of work. Sickness abounds on every hand. I have visited Punaco, a city down in the Tampico region, when every home scarcely without exception had one or two sick with malaria. In all this needy region we have one native worker who, although doing excellent work, could reach many more people through the help of a doctor or nurse. I just returned from a city where an epidemic of smallpox is raging. Contagious diseases are not quarantined here and as a result these diseases spread rapidly, and many die. To save life, to break down prejudice, and thus win more souls for Christ and hasten His coming, we are looking anxiously to the time when the medical work will be established in our mission.

A. G. PARFITT.

*San Luis Potosí, Mexico.*

"The Holy Spirit will come to all who are begging for the bread of life to give to their neighbors."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VI, p. 90.

## ONWARD THROUGH PERILS IN MEXICO

I have just made my first visit to Sinoloa on the west coast of Mexico. Brother Salvador Clavel has lived in the capital of Sinoloa for two years, and is now working it with our books for the second time. We took several orders in the government palace, and were treated very kindly. Later we saw a senator, and he offered to recommend us to his colleagues the following day and to help us to take their orders.

Notwithstanding the fanaticism which exists in the smaller places, Brother Clavel has placed a large number of our religious books in the hands of the people. In one place where he had worked for several days, the people came to the owner of the hotel and urged the woman to put him out as he was a Protestant. She refused for she had noticed his model life, which was so different from that of her other visitors. She had left him in charge of the hotel more than once when she had to go out on business. She told them that she did not know whether he was Catholic or Protestant, but she *did* know one thing, and that was that he led a more model life than any of the others.

In another place the owners of the hotel heard Brother Clavel giving good counsel to a man who spoke against all religion. They gave him the best room in the hotel. Later they asked him if he was on a commission there, and he said that he was. Then they were sure that he was a priest, but, of course, he declared he was not. They told him not to be afraid because some priests had been shot there, for he was in the house of friends. Instead of \$3.00 a day, they charged him half the amount, and when he was about to leave a day or two later, they did not want to charge him anything, but seeing his determination to pay, they accepted \$1.00 a day and begged him to return soon.

On another trip he rode with a man who wore a heavy cloak and looked very suspicious. Brother Clavel talked to him about world conditions, and how some men are becoming worse and worse, referring to the man in that district, who had recently killed his wife with a knife. Later he asked where he could stay in the town, and the man said he would show him a place, and if they had no room he would give him one. He took him to the hotel and asked if they had rooms, and they said, "yes" very quickly. Later the lady told Brother Clavel they were glad he wanted the room instead of the other man as everyone was afraid of him for he had just killed his wife.

Brother Clavel has done faithful work for years, and, with the cooperation of his good wife, has raised up interested people wherever he worked. He re-

cently received a bonus of books from the Pacific Press for his faithfulness in hours of work. He has stood firmly for the truth even when several of the members of his family have backslidden. We pray that God may raise up more workers of this kind to assist in finishing the work in Mexico.

H. A. B. ROBINSON.

*Mexico City, Mexico.*

## SOMETHING FOR JESUS EVERY DAY

Shall we not as an army of young people sweep far past our 1929 goal? Let us strive a little more earnestly to study to show ourselves approved, workmen "that needeth not to be ashamed." The Reading Course books are most excellent, and some of them come to us at greatly reduced rates. Let no young person who desires to become a stronger worker fail to take one of these courses. And let none of us forget that the Standard of Attainment, the Bible Year, and the Morning Watch, are still infallible friends for lifting us each to higher plains of efficiency, if we will only keep them for our close companions through the year.

Then let the slogan, "Something for Jesus every day," ring in our ears continuously. It will help us to be alert to our opportunities, and to be careful that we let no day pass without doing something for others. Suppose each of our 5,000 Missionary Volunteers during 1929 *each week* would distribute one tract and one paper, do one hour of Christian help work, make one missionary visit, and write one missionary letter. That would mean five things for Jesus each week by each Missionary Volunteer. Have you thought what the total of even five things each week by each Missionary Volunteer in Inter-America would mean? It would mean that during 1929 our young people would

Distribute 260,000 papers,

Distribute 260,000 tracts,

Do 260,000 hours of Christian help work,

Make 260,000 missionary visits and

Write 260,000 missionary letters.

May God help us during 1929 to express our gratitude for spared lives by doing "something for Jesus every day."

## "CHRISTIAN HOME DAY FEB. 2"

As I noticed the announcement, "Christian Home Day February 2," in the 1929 church calendar, I felt in it a call to pray for our homes in Inter-America. How many problems our fathers and mothers meet! And these are only made heavier where one pair of shoulders must bear the burdens meant for two. Then we have a host of young peo-

ple living in these homes. Daily they come in contact with the temptations that Satan drags into every community.

Last year in some of our fields our believers were encouraged to make a special effort for strengthening the "home base" in Inter-America. The card which was used is still good. It reads as follows:

**The Home Protection League**

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"

"Far more powerful than any sermon that can be preached, is the influence of a true home upon hearts and lives." By the help of God, I promise to conduct worship morning and evening in my home.

Name .....  
Date .....

"Let the family worship be made pleasant and interesting."

Shall we not study our own home life and home program to see wherein improvements can be made? God bless our homes in Inter-America, and make them places where angels love to linger, and where God can safely send the lost to feel the warmth of His love and see demonstrations of His power to transform lives.

**A TRUNK FULL OF TITHE**

Yes, the trunk was full of tithe, and is was especially interesting because it came from Mount Roraima. Brother and Sister Cott brought it down with them when they came to attend the meeting in Trinidad the last of November.

"But why didn't the Indians send their tithe in money?" asked an interested listener as Brother Cott told the story of this first tithe from the Indians on Mount Roraima.

"Because," explained Brother Cott, "the Indians have no money and feel no need for it;" but when the Indians learned the story of Jesus and grasped the plan of returning to Him a tithe, they became eager to obey, and what splendid examples they set us as in an unbroken line these children of nature step forward into the rank of God's tithe payers.

But you are wondering what was found in the trunk. There was a hammock and other articles from Isaac, the chief. Others sent sandals, bows and arrows, aprons made from beads, and still other things which I know not how to enter into the roll call. Every body was represented in the tithe gift from the two-week old baby to the grandmothers. None wanted to be left out.

The delegates in the Trinidad meet-

ing were very happy to see these first contributions from the mission for which we have been praying so earnestly the last two years. Some one suggested that it had cost much to bring the tithe down the difficult trail to the borders of civilization.

"Shall we not help pay the transportation on this first tithe from Mount Roraima?" some one asked. The suggestion went over the audience like wild fire. The clicking of coins in the baskets was pleasant music to our ears, and very quickly about \$16.00 was raised to help pay the transportation of the first tithe from our fellow-believers at Mount Roraima.

We are planning to send this trunkful of tithe to America at our first opportunity for others to enjoy. May these tokens of the faithfulness of the Mount Roraima Indians stimulate us all to give more and to pray more for the hastening of the great work of carrying farther and still farther the last message of salvation to the waiting peoples.

**CENTINELA**

- C** - Stands for a messenger true  
That proclaims God's love abroad;  
And thousands of Spanish hearts rejoice,  
As they find through it their God.
- E** - Stands for the earnest way  
In which we all should try  
To speed it on to Spanish homes  
Ere the day of work slips by.
- N** - Stands for the needy hosts  
That wait in sorrow and sin  
For Christians to hasten this paper  
Where thousands of hearts it may win.
- T** - Stands for the glorious triumph  
That soon will come to all  
Who give themselves in service  
Where'er the Master calls.
- I** - Stands for innumerable hosts  
That quickly may be won,  
If we will serve as Jesus served,  
Until the work is done.
- N** - Stands for noble workers  
Who earnestly pray and toil  
To sow *El Centinela*  
In every clime and soil.
- E** - Stands for everybody,  
Whose heart by love is stirred,  
Who'll sow *El Centinela*  
Where the Spanish tongue is heard.
- L** - Stands for love and loyalty  
To God and fellow men—  
To tell the gospel story  
Ere Christ shall come again.
- A** - Stands for at-it-always  
Through the hours of setting sun;  
At it, yes, at it always,  
Till the Master's work is done!

**THE THERMOMETER BURST!**

For the past month the Harvest Ingathering thermometer in the Panama Conference office has been almost like "a painted ship upon a painted ocean," ready for the slightest breeze of encouragement to move forward. Thus the mercury has remained on tip-toe, lacking but a short space of reaching the top. January 8 the longed-for moment ar-

rived, when several church reports for December came in by mail and revealed the joyous fact that our conference Harvest Ingathering goal of \$4,000 had been reached and even passed.

Eager and happy eyes neglected regular duties for a moment to watch the mercury jump to the top and overflow into that splendid word "Victory." And as fast as possible we are striving to share this good news with others through the MESSENGER. We are indeed thankful for the Lord's blessing and the efforts put forth by every member of the Panama Conference to make this victory possible. May this good news inspire us to future triumphs during 1929.

VIOLA E. COOKE.

*Cristobal, Canal Zone.*

**A SAMPLE OF TRUE REPENTANCE**

When Dona Joaquina accepted the truth, she wept bitterly for three days and nights over her sins. She sought out all such as she had offended and asked their forgiveness. One was a particularly hard case. It was that of a woman with whom she had lived in strife. For some time after accepting the truth, Joaquina could not find sufficient grace to reconcile herself to that woman. Finally, however, she found the necessary grace. She went to the woman's house, weeping, and knelt before her in repentance, and begged her forgiveness.

Dona Joaquina is today one of the pillars of the church where she lives, and through her consistent life, has led her husband and her sister to the Saviour.

H. E. BAASCH.

**AN ENCOURAGING REPORT**

We are pleased to give a few facts, which we believe will be of interest.

For the year ending September 30, 1928 there was a net gain in membership of 1,378. There were 411 laborers in the various fields. The reports for the first nine months of 1927 and 1928 reveal the following:

	Funds		
	1927	1928	Gain
Tithe	\$83,306.86	\$86,389.27	\$3,082.41
Mission Funds	49,184.57	52,223.07	3,038.50

**Baptisms and Membership**

Baptisms	1,022	1,107	85
Net Gain, Members	864	976	112

It cheers our hearts to see a gain in funds, baptisms and membership. Copies of the complete statistical report are furnished so that each church may be supplied with a copy.

**New Believers**

We invite each one who is new in the truth to share in the burden of carrying the gospel in the Inter-American Divi-

sion: this can be accomplished if you plan for systematic giving during 1929.

During February we will have the complete report for the year 1928, and we shall endeavor to give you another brief report in the March MESSENGER.

"A continual imparting of God's gifts wherever the cause of God or the needs of humanity demand our aid, does not tend to poverty.—The sower multiplies his seed by casting it away. So it is with those who are faithful in distributing God's gifts. By imparting they increase their blessings."—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 345. F. L. HARRISON.

Balboa, Canal Zone.

### MARRIED

On Monday evening, December 3, Brother Delroy Andrean and Sister Maude Rodriguez were married in the chapel of the West Caribbean Training School. Both of these young people have attended this school. Brother Andrean was graduated in 1926 and is now engaged as an angelistic worker in the Panama Conference, making his home in Colon.

We extend to this young couple our very best wishes for a life of usefulness in the work of God.

L. L. HUTCHINSON.

Cristobal, Canal Zone.

### NEWS ITEMS FROM INTER-AMERICA

Pastor C. E. Wood left the division office some time ago to attend Home Missionary conventions in the Mexican Union. Let us pray earnestly for the success of these conventions in one of the fields where we see so many miracles of missions.

Just after New Year's the division family had the pleasure of greeting Brother and Sister Barclay and their little daughter who stopped a few hours on their way to South America, where they are to connect with the Chilean school.

You, who have been praying for the restoration of Sister H. E. Baasch, will be happy to learn that the doctors now give her a clean bill of health, and assure us that she can come back to Inter-America to help finish the Lord's work in this great field.

Early in January the division office received a cable from Brother and Sister E. P. Howard requesting prayer for their little daughter who was seriously ill. Among others for whose recovery we should be praying around our division circle are: Brother Henry Skadsheim of the Leeward Islands, Brother Redondo in Atlantic Colombia, Dr. Cave of Barbados, and Brother Bul-

lard of Porto Rico. Let us pray earnestly to Him who "healeth all thy diseases" and who is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever;" and when we pray for those who are sick among us, let us not forget to thank Him for the wonderful way in which He has answered our prayers in the past.

Last month we had the pleasure of greeting Pastor S. A. Wellman, associate secretary of the General Conference Sabbath School Department. He had been on an extended tour through the Inter-American Division, having attended the general meetings in Antigua and Trinidad, visited Guiana and various places in Colombia and Venezuela. His stay in the Canal Zone was very brief; but we are thankful that he could visit our field, and we feel that many will pray for the work in Inter-America because of the report that Brother Wellman is carrying back to America.

### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DAY MARCH 9

Yes, March 9 is Missionary Volunteer day. Make it a great soul-winning day. Let every church take hold of it, making it a day of prayer for the salvation of our youth and their training for service in the Master's cause. Remember March 9 is Missionary Volunteer Day.

Pastor J. A. P. Green, after a two months' trip through the eastern and southern part of the division, returned to the home office in Balboa early in January. He brought very encouraging reports from the fields he visited. With him came Pastor H. E. Baasch, superintendent of the Colombia-Venezuela Union Mission. The reports which Brother Baasch brought from Colombia, where he had spent several months made our hearts burn within us, and long for a force of workers to place in that field just now while the doors stand wide open to the bearers of the Advent Message.

The Curacao church is doing splendidly in the Harvest Ingathering work. They have already raised \$126.00 and hope to raise \$240.00.

In Havana, Cuba, a young woman became interested in the truth by reading the *Centinela*. She invited Brother Cristo P. Cruz to her home to explain the truth to her more fully, and as a result this woman and seven of her family and friends accepted the truth.

We have just received the sad news of the death of Sister Borrowdale, mother of L. J. Borrowdale, superintendent of the Porto Rican Mission. She died in Porto Rico, January 6.

### OBITUARIES

*Jones and Harry*—Sister Sarah Jones was born in Jamaica. She accepted the Third Angel's Message and was baptized about eighteen months ago. She fell asleep in Jesus, November 29. Age 48 years.

Sister Princess Elizabeth Harry, of Jamaica, died November 30, 1928. Age 49 years. At our annual Week of Prayer a year ago Sister Harry accepted this message and was baptized six months later. Her daughter, Sister Addison, and her three brothers mourn their loss.

Sister Harry and Sister Jones were laid to rest at the same time in Panama. It was a very touching scene to see the two hearses, at the head of the long train of mourners, going from the church to the cemetery. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Isaiah 26:19.

A. A. GRIZZLE.

Panama City, Panama.

*Gordon*—Solomon E. Gordon was born in the parish of St. Thomas, Jamaica, May 15, 1895, and died December 23, 1928 in Gamboa, Canal Zone. He accepted the Third Angel's Message in his youth and kept the faith to the end. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

A. A. GRIZZLE.

Panama City, Panama.

*Moulton*—We have been made sad to learn of the death of Brother C. N. Moulton who labored so faithfully for about thirty years in different parts of the Antillian Union.

### NEXT MONTH

Next month we hope to tell you about the work among the Mosquito Indians, where Brother Charles F. Brooks has been doing faithful work and where his son Roger Brooks, one of our splendid young men from the West Caribbean Training School, has gone to seek for the lost. Among the other good things coming next month are reports from Central American Union, the Colombia-Venezuela Union, and our Mount Roraima Mission.

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