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## WHY THE LORD WAITS--No. 1

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The blessing of God cannot come upon those who are idlers in His vineyard. Professed Christians who do nothing, neutralize the efforts of real workers by their influence and example. They make the grand and important truths they profess to believe, appear inconsistent, and cause them to have no effect. They misrepresent the character of Christ. How can God let the showers of His grace come upon the churches that are largely composed of this kind of members? They are of no manner of use in the work of God. How can the Master say to such, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord," when they have been neither good nor faithful?

God cannot speak a falsehood. The power of the grace of God cannot be given in large measure to the churches. It would dishonor His own glorious character to let streams of grace come upon the people who will not wear the yoke of Christ, who will not bear his burdens, who will not deny self, who will not lift the cross of Christ. Because of their slothfulness they are a hindrance to those who would move out in the work if they did not block up the way. God calls not for empty charity that is but a name, but for a liberal, open-handed charity. The liberality of God demands that his people render to Him His own in tithes and gifts and offerings.

There are many who possess an empty benevolence, who make no retrenchments, practice no self-denial or self-sacrifice. They leave that for some one else to do; but God calls for men who, through faith and prayer, will give themselves to the work; who will study, who will plan, and unite with their plans, self-denial and self-sacrifice. This is the only kind of liberality that is after the order of Christ, and which will redound to the honor and glory of God. Until this benevolence is brought into active exercise, God's blessing cannot come upon His people in its fulness and power.

Every truly converted soul will be intensely desirous to bring others from the darkness of error into the marvelous light of the righteousness of Jesus Christ. The great outpouring of the Spirit of God, which lightens the whole earth with His glory, will not come until we have an enlightened people, that know by experience what it means to be laborers together with God. When we have entire, whole-hearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of His Spirit without measure; but this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not laborers together with God. *God cannot pour out His Spirit when selfishness and self-indulgence are so manifest; when a spirit prevails that, if put into words, would express that*

*answer of Cain,—"Am I my brother's keeper?"*

If the truth for this time, if the signs that are thickening on every hand, that testify that the end of all things is at hand, are not sufficient to arouse the sleeping energy of those who profess to know the truth, then darkness proportionate to the light which has been shining will overtake these souls. There is not the semblance of an excuse for their indifference that they will be able to present to God in the great day of final reckoning. There will be no reason to offer as to why they did not live and walk and work in the light of the sacred truth of the word of God, and thus reveal to a sinned-darkened world, through their conduct, their sympathy, and their zeal, that the power and reality of the gospel could not be controverted.

It is not the ministers alone, but the laymen, who are not contributing all that they can to persuade men, by precept and example, to accept the saving grace of Christ. With skill and tact, with wisdom received from above, they should persuade men to behold the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world. When the hearts of the believers are warm with the love of God, they will do a continual work for Jesus. They will manifest the meekness of Christ, and display a steadfast purpose that will not fail nor be discouraged. God will use humble men to do His work; for there is a large vineyard calling for laborers. "Why stand ye here all the day idle?"

Christ pronounced a woe upon the cities and the people who had been favored with His labors, who had witnessed His gracious works, and listened to His gracious words, and had failed to repent. To those who made a great profession of godliness while failing to bring forth corresponding works, He gave His most scathing rebukes. To the Pharisees he said, "Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." The mercy and love of God will flow forth from the lips of those in whose hearts abide the mercy and love of God. . . .

If those who have had great light will not respond to the invitation to become laborers with God, then God will take and use those who have had far less light and much fewer opportunities. Those who will work out their own salvation with fear and trembling, will realize that it is God that worketh in them, to will and to do of His good pleasure. There should be thousands fully awake and in earnest in the work of God, who should be bright and shining lights. There should be thousands

### Send the Light

"Send the light, oh, send it quickly  
 Far across the heaving main;  
 Speed the news of free salvation  
 Through the dear Redeemer's Name.

"Send the light, oh, send it quickly  
 To the isles beyond the sea;  
 Let them hear the wondrous story—  
 Love is boundless, grace is free.

"Send the light, where souls are dying  
 In their darkness, gloom and night;  
 Haste, oh, haste! the days are fleeting,  
 And the hours—how swift their flight."

who know the time in which we are living, and who wait not to be urged, but who are constrained by the power of God to diffuse light, to open to others the truth that is so distinctly revealed in the Word of God.

*There is no time to lose.* Men and women should be ministering in unenlightened communities in regions beyond. After they have awakened an interest, they should find the living preacher who is skillful in the presentation of the truth, and qualified to instruct families in the Word of God. Women who have the cause of God at heart can do a good work in the districts in which they reside. Christ speaks of women who helped Him in presenting the truth before others, and Paul also speaks of women who labored with him in the gospel. But how very limited is the work done by those who could do a large work if they would! There are families that have means which they could use for God's glory in going to distant lands to let their light shine forth in good works to those who need help. Why do not men and women engage in the missionary work, following the example of Christ?

#### \* "WHO HEALETH ALL THY DISEASES?"

This is as true today as when the Psalmist penned his testimony some three thousand years ago.

About two years ago we started on our furlough. My wife suffered then from serious ill health. We had been in the tropics practically eight years and the climate had had a telling effect upon her.

After a careful examination the physicians urged an operation for a fibroid tumor. Owing to Mrs. Baasch's low condition, however, it was found best to postpone the operation. We took our furlough in England, and hoped that the climate at home would help to build up her health. However she did not seem to mend and eventually we felt obliged to take her to the hospital for tropical diseases in London. The doctor there rather surprised us when he insisted that Mrs. Baasch was suffering from sprue. For several weeks she was under treatment for sprue, but no appreciable improvement was seen.

Following the advice of friends we took her to California. Two specialists for intestinal diseases made careful examinations and pronounced her free from sprue. It was here, however, that at least one vital cause of Mrs. Baasch's illness was discovered. She had developed thyroid trouble, which called for immediate surgery.

This condition, added to the fibroid tumor and her general low condition made it appear that we would be ex-

cluded from the mission field, at least for several years to come. The doctors gave us very little hope.

We laid the matter before the Lord in prayer. Pastors Farnsworth and Fulton carried out the instruction given in James. While the Lord did not see fit to remove the affliction by instant action, He gave my wife courage for the operation, and He helped us to obtain the services of a skillful physician and consecrated surgeon.

After the operation Mrs. Baasch gained rapidly, however, the presence of the fibroid tumor caused the doctors to pronounce an adverse verdict upon our return to the mission field. It seemed that this tumor was to seal our fate as far as the mission field was concerned.

In the face of these definite pronouncements of physicians, we did not feel free to go forward. We informed the General Conference office that we were unable to return to our field. While the hand wrote thus and so, somehow the heart had not relinquished its hope; and we continued to plead with the Lord for the manifestation of His healing power in a larger degree and for the possibility of serving Him in the foreign field.

Daily we were asking and waiting for indications. We finally decided to go to the doctor, and see if he would give us any hope of returning eventually to the mission field.

As my wife entered the doctor's office, he said: "Well, you look so much better; you are not the same person that came here a few months ago." I questioned him as to the probability of our returning to our field of service. In answer to my question he seized the dictaphone and dictated a letter to Elder Beddoe in which he stated that in view of the excellent recovery Mrs. Baasch was making he felt obliged to reverse his verdict of a few months ago and that she would be ready to return to the field after a few months further stay in the north.

Our hopes rose; but I did not feel entirely satisfied until I had certainty concerning the fibroid tumor. A day for examination was set. As the doctor stepped out of the examination room he said: "Mrs. Baasch is perfectly healthy; there is no sign of any tumor." It was clear to our minds that the Lord had removed the affliction and we thanked Him for His tender mercies in answer to the prayers of faithful friends here and there. We had been waiting many months; and they were weary months, but health came at last and we gladly dedicated it to Him for service.

*Calì, Colombia.* H. E. BAASCH.

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"Youthful talents well organized and well trained, is needed in our churches."  
—*"Gospel Workers,"* p. 211.

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#### HAITI'S GREAT NEED OF MORE CHURCHES

The work in Haiti is becoming more and more interesting. The year that has just passed has been laden with rich blessings from above. A deep spirit of unity and love exists among the workers, native and foreign.

During the last three months I have been called several Sabbaths to baptize in different churches. Up to this date we have baptized 167, and we have about 100 more ready for baptism. We have about 300 in baptismal classes which we hope to baptize very soon, if it is the Lord's will. Thus we hope to start 1930 with 1,500 members.

As I see the progress of the work and the many who are now candidates, I ask: Where are we going to put these new members? How are we going to receive the great number who are now getting interested in our Message? Not long ago at Plainsance I baptized 13 new believers and that afternoon we had communion services. The little room where we held the service could hold only the 13 newly baptized members and the other members had to stand outside on the sidewalk and on the street, and the deacon served the bread and wine to them out there. Brother Dunn and Brother and Sister Christian-sen, whom I had invited to come with me, had to stand on the street in the sun as there was no room inside for them.

At Jacmel the work is growing and people from the higher classes are becoming interested; but our chapel there, for which we pay more than \$300 annually, can be taken from us any day. If this should be taken from us, it would mean a great blow to the work at Jacmel. A small sum would make possible the erection of a neat chapel in that city.

The tithe and Sabbath school offerings have gone up, but the Big Week and Week of Sacrifice have suffered on account of the disaster that came to Haiti last year. It is a great encouragement to us to see the great sacrifices the believers made on the last 13th Sabbath. Limbe, which suffered so much, gave \$40.00; Port-au-Prince \$75.00 and Cape Haitien \$40.00. These sums may not appear very large, but I can tell you that they mean real sacrifice for our poor members.

May the Lord, who sees our great need, open the way in His wisdom so that we may receive help to give proper meeting places to these dear people.

J. A. DE CAENEL.

*Cape Haitien, Haiti.*

### HE KNEW HIM WHOM HE BELIEVED

Among our new converts, we have two leaders from another Protestant church. They are capable men and I hope that they will be a great help to our work. Our other convert was a prayer man of the Catholic church, who earned his living by praying for the dead and singing to the saints. This man strongly opposed his mother who embraced this truth before he did. Later he had to endure a trial of his new faith while confined to a hospital where he was attended by Catholic sisters.

After his conversion this gentleman believed it to be his duty to visit the people and tell them of all he had received. He went to see an aunt, and told her about the vanity of worshipping idols, also of God's command to destroy such. She replied that she dared not destroy the idols for fear of God's punishment. So he asked her to let him have them. This she did, and he burned them.

A little later he was taken sick, and sent to the hospital. While there the Catholics told him that his illness was a punishment because of what he had done to the saints. They started a false report by trying to make the people believe that this man in his suffering was asking that the cross be taken to him that he might repent.

To the contrary, however, he remained firm in his new faith. As he was about to undergo a serious operation, one of the sisters brought him a medal of *la Milagrosa* to hang around his neck, and told him that he needed to be confessed. He refused both things and she told him that within a very short time he would die and must then go to hell.

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### AMONG THE GUAYMI INDIANS No. 1

In the republic of Panama there live many large tribes of Indians, each speaking a dialect different from that of others. Most of them live independent of the Panama government. One of the largest of these tribes, the Guaymi, is found in the Chiriqui Province.

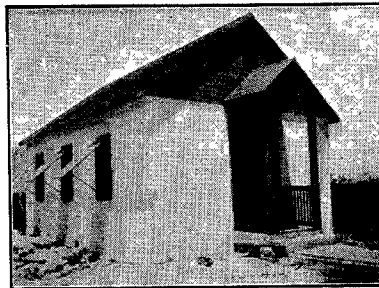
We are glad that our conference is able to send Brother and Sister Ellis and their two children as missionaries to this tribe. Brother Ellis is very capable for this work because of his contact with this tribe some twenty years ago as a storekeeper at one of their trading posts.

Last November the conference com-

mittee asked Brother Ellis and me to visit the Guaymi tribe, in view of finding a site for a mission. Immediately we laid plans to meet on December 12 at Remedios, the trading post for these Indians, Brother Ellis coming from the west end of Chiriqui Province and I from the Canal Zone.

After one day overland by auto, I rode horseback over mountains and through jungles. Coming from office work, I found the first and second day in the saddle long ones. I had travelled over this trail by horseback less than three years before, but the dense jungle makes the trails hard to follow, so I secured a native guide.

At dusk one evening he told me that he had lost the trail. We rode back



New church in Long Island, Bahamas, which took the place of the old structure destroyed by hurricane

and forth until it seemed we could neither go one way nor another. The thicket seemed to close in on us. After dismounting and searching for the trail a couple of hours, we tied our horses and built a large bonfire for the night. My compass was broken, but during the night the clouds cleared away and we took our directions from the stars, marking them on the ground. After day-break we followed this direction until near noon, when we found the trail which led us to a house, where we ate and rested.

The heavy rains that we encountered made the steep trails very slippery and dangerous, but my equipment, weighing about fifty pounds, was carried in two rubber bags and well protected from the rain. We were often detained by the heavy rains swelling the rivers. Some places the horses were forced to swim.

On the fifth day Brother Ellis and I met at Remedios. We were leaving civilization now and our safety depended entirely on our heavenly Father. An American miner related the murder by the Indians of his companion, just prior to our coming. Earlier in history a Catholic priest attempted to organize these Indians, and no sooner had he entered their territory than they threw him and his horse over a cliff, thus ending his career. The Panamanians seriously counselled us not to go on. But

we felt assured that we were on the Lord's mission, and certainly not our own. We had provisions for several weeks. After the first hour, we were in distinctly Indian territory.

Their have no villages, but their grass huts can be seen scattered usually not more than a quarter or half mile apart. Often one man has two or three huts for his family, which is very large. When we approached their homes, we would see them run and jump behind trees and shrubs to hide. We would greet them with the word *Amarogo* which means "friend" in the Guaymi dialect, or with *Amarogo Coint*, meaning "good friend." The men usually could speak with us in Spanish, for they often make trips of one week or more by foot to trade for cloth, beads, etc., with the Spanish near the coast.

Their first questions to us were: "Do you have war where you came from? What is your mission here?" We would tell them that all was peace and tranquility and that we had come to see their chief and to bring him presents. When we came to huts where the men were absent the women were very shy. It is customary there to prepare food and give some to all the members of the home where you visit, first eating some yourself, then serving them from the same pot. This indicates to them that you are on a friendly mission. After eating with us, they would prepare food and we were expected to eat with them, which we always did, irrespective of sanitary conditions.

Polygamy seems to be their greatest evil. Some have as many as eight or ten wives from twelve to fifty years of age. Often when wives are bought or gambled for and taken against their will, they run home. According to their tribal laws, the man can bring the rebellious wife back and punish her to intimidate her against repeating the offense. If she has courage to run away the fourth time, the man must leave her where she wishes to be; but the man of the home where she stays must pay a cow, pig or whatever is agreed upon as exchange. They seldom run away the fourth time because of the terrible punishment inflicted when they are brought back. They are tied with their hands and feet behind them to a tree and most cruelly abused. Rocks are heated on which they force their feet to blister them. Then they peel off the heavy callouses so they won't run away again.

The people in general are healthy, sturdy and industrious. They grow corn, rice and roots which serve as potatoes. They also raise cattle, horses, pigs and chickens. Most of them wear clothes. Their huts are made of grass-thatched roofs which come about three feet from the ground to the eaves, and they have no walls. A rack of stick is

built about two feet from the ground in one corner. On this they lay a dried cowhide. This serves as their bed. Three stones serve as stove, on which they cook their food in a large earthen vessel.  
Cristobal, C. Z. A. V. LARSON.

### WORK AMONG THE MOSQUITO INDIANS

Let me relate an experience I had a few years ago with an old Indian from Klingna who received the Third Angel's Message and wanted to be baptized. I continued to put him off waiting for a minister to come to baptize him. Time rolled on and no minister came. I began to make preparations to leave for Rio Grande. The old Indian became sick and sent one of his granddaughters to me with these words: "You are going to Rio Grande. I believe all you have taught me for these many years. I do not smoke nor drink neither do I eat any more unclean meat. Come now and baptize me before you go to Rio Grande. You may not see me again when you return." Finally arrangements were made for the baptism of this dear old soul, who fell asleep in Jesus while I was still at Rio Grande. Among his last words he sent to tell me that he was very happy that he was to sleep in Jesus.

My son, Roger Brooks, who was at the training school at Las Cascadas, Canal Zone for the past few years, arrived safely at his old home at Yulu. I am very glad that he has come to assist in the work in this place. On the 10th of October he started a school of five pupils. It has increased to 29 and more are expected to enter soon.

In order to carry on the work most successfully among these Indians, the missionary must be prepared to do much traveling. He must be ready to go into the different villages and homes and teach the people that Jesus is coming again. That is the way I began to get the truth before these people, and now we have a church here of 31 members. I have a plan, which if carried out, I believe would be a great help in getting the Message before the Indians of the different villages. The plan is this: Select an Indian boy from each village. Bring them to the Yulu church school and have them trained sufficiently so they can return to their villages to open schools which should be visited as often as possible by the traveling missionary.

CHAS. F. BROOKS.

Yulu Wawa River, Nicaragua.

"Every one who is connected with God will impart light to others. If there are any who have no light to give, it is because they have no connection with the Source of light."—*Historical Sketches,* p. 921.

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### THE MESSAGE IN COLOMBIA Part I

"The only thing that can save our country is the Advent Message," said a lawyer to me in Bogotá not long ago. He had attended our meetings. "We are chained," he continued, "and we know it. Many of us are anxious to break the chains, but know not whither to turn except it be to Bolshevism. But the Advent Message affords a firm foundation, and it can save our people."

Colombia is perhaps the most priest-ridden republic in South America. There are, however, large portions of the population who long for deliverance from bondage and are on the point of breaking loose from the old régime, if need be, by means of a violent revolution.

In these weeks the latent feud between the clergy and the liberals has flamed up in the parliament with threats of recourse to arms on both sides. The occasion was the proposed enforcement of a law which was to restrict the liberty of the press and wholly destroy the margin of religious tolerance which we have enjoyed hitherto.

The bill proposed that the promoters of any spoken or written propaganda, which might in any way be construed to inspire disrespect for the Catholic church, be punished with heavy fines and penal servitude from four months to one year. It was supported by a vast majority of both houses. It was read and voted upon in the house of representatives three times and finally accepted under vehement protests of a small minority. Because of some modifications which had been produced in the article referring to the press, the bill was returned to the senate. In the meantime the clergy swept the country with propaganda speeches in favor of the bill.

The bill would have stopped our evangelistic work eventually and our book work as well; and we would have been led into serious perplexity. Humanly speaking, there was very little hope of averting the crisis which threatened our young work.

We rallied our churches and companies to the throne of grace, remembering the intervention of God on behalf of His work in the time of Daniel. And the miraculous happened. When the bill came out from the senate it came out with the clause referring to religion struck out. In other words, while the press will be under severer restriction in the future, the amount of religious tolerance which has been enjoyed thus far remains intact. We thank the Lord that the door is still open for us to

work in this country.

Will we be true to our opportunities? We know not how long they will last. There is a muttering of forces which at any time may break forth into scenes such as France, Russia, and Mexico have witnessed in times past. Will Colombia in her present attitude of expectancy fall into the hands of communists, or will the gospel save it from rank atheism and evolution?

Balboa, C. Z. H. E. BAASCH.

### A LETTER FROM MRS. NICKLE

In a personal letter to the division office, Sister G. C. Nickle gives the following snap shot of some of the signs of the times in Cali, Colombia:

"After endeavoring for several weeks to rent a hall in which to conduct meetings here in Cali, we have finally secured a place and have leased it for a year. We had just given up the search and decided that the only thing we could do would be to lease land and build a tabernacle, when this place was brought to our attention. I am sure the Lord got this place for us, for this location has many advantages, one of which is that the owners are Syrians, non-Catholics and favorable to our work having become acquainted with our people in their native land. We have it seated now and all is ready for our opening meeting tonight. This is to be a series in English, and we are hoping for a good attendance.

"Our German colporteur, Brother Reimer, put out the handbills for us; and we are trusting the Lord to bring the people out to hear the Message for, after all, the work is His and not ours. How thankful we have been for the help of Brother Reimer, for otherwise we are quite alone, having no constituency here. Please remember these meetings in your prayers, and pray that the Lord will give us a goodly number of converts to His cause.

"Cali is feverishly polishing and cleaning up herself in preparation for the *Olympiades*, which will last about ten days. At that time, there will be thousands of visitors here, not only from different parts of Colombia, but from nearby South American countries as well, to witness the struggle of contenders for the national championship in the different lines of sport. Two of the big prize-fighters from the United States are coming down, with a retinue of trainers, publicity men, etc. The victorious one will be eligible to fight for the world championship. Of course, this is to be the big attraction. Then I understand there is to be a renowned bull-fighter here, and we are wondering if the people will be calm enough at night to consider anything relative to their souls' salvation after witnessing

the exciting events that will take place during the day.

"A year ago, there were no amusements in Cali aside from a couple of theaters where moving pictures were shown. Now there are two amusement parks, where boxing is the prominent feature, and a fashionable dance hall, so one can easily see where the adversary is trying to lead the people; and he actually is accomplishing his end at a rapid rate. Surely, it is time for us to work *swiftly*, for we all know how hard it is to reach a people who are bent on seeking the pleasures of this world."

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**SOUTH CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE**

There is not one ounce of doubt in my mind regarding 1929 being the best year yet for the circulation of our precious books in the South Caribbean Conference. How can it be otherwise with ten enthusiastic colporteurs and good leadership?

Ten consecrated and lively colporteurs attended the institute in the Port of Spain church. We had a good time together. Then we had the privilege of spending several days at the school about ten miles away. Every member of the faculty cooperated, and did everything to make it a success. The students, about sixty-seven in number, came to the institute and seemed to enjoy every minute. We greatly appreciated their interest in this important branch of God's work. We confidently believe that in the near future the students from the Maracas Valley school will literally fill the cities and villages of the East Caribbean Union with gospel literature.

The scholarship plan greatly interested the young people of the East Caribbean Training School. After speaking of the great opportunities that this plan offers, and the possibilities of great good to the people and to the students, twenty raised their hands to express their desire to go out and do their part. We can guarantee these dear young people that the Lord is a good pay-master, and if proper preparation is made, and they will work hard, implicitly trusting God, success will be assured.

"In this work all the angels of heaven are ready to cooperate. All the resources of heaven are at the command of those who are seeking to save the lost. Angels will help you to reach the most careless and the most hardened. And when one is brought back to God, all heaven is made glad; seraphs and cherubs touch their golden harps, and sing

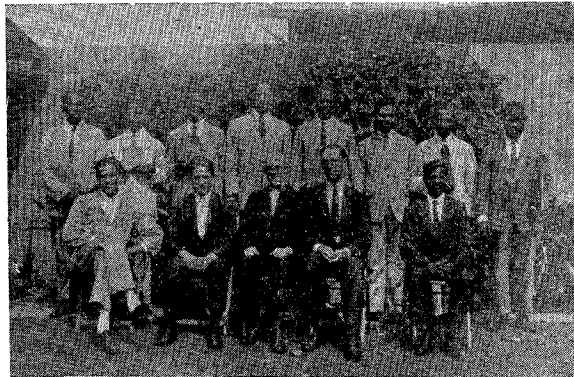
praises to God and the Lamb for their mercy and loving-kindness to the children of men."—*"Christ Object Lessons,"* p. 197.

The regular colporteurs of the South Caribbean Conference seemed to be of good courage, and best of all they are determined to make 1929 the best year so far. May the Lord help these soldiers of the cross that have to be out in all kinds of weather, in the sun and in the shade. With good generals like Brethren C. H. Carter and R. M. Carter, we are confident that not only more hours will be reported, but also more sales and more souls.

The following biennial report presented by Brother C. H. Carter, field missionary secretary for the South Caribbean Conference, proves that there is a forward movement:

Years	Hours	Sales	Deliveries
1925-26	12,580	\$14,252.00	\$6,215.00
1927-28	9,449	15,524.00	7,513.00

We know that they have their problems in that field because of the great number of East Indian people, and then because of many who are unable to purchase our large subscription books. May God give wisdom to those leading out, that something may be done to help solve their problems. Nevertheless, we believe, in spite of difficulties, that many more homes will rather spend money for that which will give them eternal



Colporteurs attending the Port of Spain institute

life than anything else. The earth will be lightened with the glory of God, and we are told:

"In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. 7, p. 140.

J. A. P. GREEN.

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**COLPORTEUR WORK IN THE LEEWARD ISLANDS**

We are very glad that the Lord has made it possible for us to report pro-

gress in practically every way in the literature ministry in the Leeward Islands Conference. We have been striving for greater efficiency rather than a long list of colporteurs, and the Lord has blessed our efforts to spiritualize and raise the standards. Several of our colporteurs are putting in more time. Brother Charles George worked over 2,000 hours during the past year and God has given him two converts. He has also been used by the Lord to reclaim others who had grown cold, to say nothing of the many that have been interested through his efforts. Though he has been offered good positions and large wages as a bookkeeper, chauffeur, and manager, he has remained faithful to his post.

Brother Buntin has been doing good work in the Virgin Islands, and has placed "Home Physician" in the hands of most of the prominent people in St. Thomas. He received a splendid recommendation for his book from the superintendent of education there. Brother Harold Norman has been doing good work in and around Frederiksted, St. Croix, while Sister Eglantine Gilbert walks about sixteen miles every Sunday covering a regular route out of Christiansted. She works the rest of the week in town and has many interested in the truth. One man, to whom she sells books in the country, gathers those that cannot read about him in the evening and reads the books to them. Brother Newton has been working in Antigua. We lost one faithful worker, Sister Judith Lewis, who died with her books under her pillow. Oh, how she loved this work.

One thing that seems good to me is the fact that while we have been making good gains in sales not one reporting colporteur has become involved in debt; but,

to the contrary, most of the colporteur debts that accumulated during 1925 and 1926 have been reduced considerably.

What has been accomplished in the past, however, has been done in the English speaking portion of our field which makes up only 29% of the entire conference, the other 71% being French. We have been without a French colporteur for the past twenty-one months. During the preceding two years Brother Charles Brown did good work in the French Islands, helping to swell the 1925 and 1926 reports; but owing to poor health he passed in his resignation, and has not as yet sufficiently recovered to take up the work again,

though he longs to be back at work.

The promise of a French colporteur from Europe makes the prospects for the future look bright, for our greatest need is colporteurs who can speak the French language to carry the light to these dark islands where Obi-ism and superstition reign supreme. Several others have decided to take up work in the English islands, and still others are giving it serious thought. We thank God for what has been done and are looking forward to greater things in the future. May all our people pray that the Lord of harvest will help us secure more colporteurs for the French Islands.

M. E. LOWRY.

St. Johns, Antigua.

### GUIDED IN A DREAM

In spite of the many difficulties, the work in Guiana is onward. We cannot answer all the calls nor attend to all the interests. There are about eighteen who have given in their names to join the new baptismal class in Georgetown. In another place not far away there is a family of eleven who have joined a baptismal class there. This family was led to study this Message in a most singular way. The father had a dream, and in the dream he was traveling along a road, when he came to a company who were worshipping God. He stopped to join them, but as he did this, every thing became very dark around them. Then a voice spoke to him and said, "Do not stop here. Go on. Go on."

Then he came to another company that was worshipping God. A light seemed to encircle them, and they all appeared to have some kind of mark in their foreheads. The angel spoke again and said, "These are those who keep the Sabbath of Jehovah. Go with them."

This man, who is a railroad agent, was being visited by a spiritist, but the same voice in his dream said again, "Be not deceived. This is from the devil. Do not follow it, nor go after it." This man with all his family attend the Sabbath meetings. He placed before the manager of the railroad his dream, and told him of his convictions, and he was permitted to have the Sabbath free.

Another very interesting case here in Georgetown is that of a very talented young woman, who, through the leadings of God's Holy Spirit, was persuaded to study this truth. It seemed so beautiful and consistent that she could not help telling it to others. As a result it came to the ears of her minister, who began a special series of meetings against the Sabbath. This, however, resulted in confirming her in our teachings.

This young woman is very consecrated, and her whole desire is to do something for God. God has certainly

had His eye upon this jewel of His. Her mother has become interested in this Message.

Satan is especially busy now, causing souls to turn from their God, so we are asking you to pray for this field where Satan has such a strong hold.

MRS. DEBORA KNIGHT.

Georgetown, Guiana.

### MEXICAN UNION MISSION

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### FIRST INDIAN CONVERT

Last quarter my husband baptized the first pure-blooded Indian in the Lake Mission. Now our native worker in that part of the field writes that the new believer's wife and father are rejoicing in the truth also. Fanaticism is so strong here that my husband took the Indian out to a river near the town about six o'clock in the morning to baptize him. That was the first time the Indian had ever been in a car. His father wanted to see the baptism, but could not be persuaded to get in the car and ride down there.

That Indian brother is very faithful. Really, he is an inspiration to us all. When the question of the tithe was presented to him, he said right away that the pile of corn lying in his yard should be tithed. He wanted to know if he should give us corn or how he should do it. He was instructed to sell the part that was the Lord's and give the proceeds to the native pastor when he visited him. Last week we received a postal money order from the pastor for over \$9.00. He asked for 50 cents worth of literature and the rest was tithe from this Indian.

This brother is the first Indian to leave the old superstitions and the Catholic church in his town. Others have tried on several occasions to kill him.

MRS. E. E. POHLE.

Guadalajara, Mexico.

### 200 NEW SABBATH KEEPERS

Word has just come from the Lake Mission that 200 have begun to keep the Sabbath in one quarter. Surely, the Lord is working among the people and many are giving their hearts to Him. Yucatan has just baptized her first convert.

### SEVEN REASONS WHY EVERY ADVENTIST SHOULD TAKE THE BIBLE YEAR

1. Because "The Bible presents a perfect standard of character; *it is an infallible guide under all circumstances.*"—*Testimonies*, Vol. V. p. 264.

2. Because "Every chapter and every verse of the Bible is a communication from God to men."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 504.

3. Because "There is no other book whose perusal strengthens and enlarges, elevates and ennobles the mind, as does the perusal of this Book of books."—*Testimonies Vol. IV*, p. 499.

4. Because "The oftener and more diligently you peruse the Scriptures, the more beautiful will they appear, and the less relish you will have for light reading."—*Id. Vol. I*, p. 242.

5. Because "A day is coming, a day of clouds and thick darkness, when all will wish to be thoroughly furnished by the plain, simple truths of the word of God, that they may meekly, yet decidedly, give a reason of their hope."

6. Because "Satan can never gain advantage of the child of God who relies on the word of God as his defense."—*Id. Vol. IX*, p. 69.

7. Because the Lord has said: "Above all take time to read the Bible—the Book of books."—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 138.

—North Pacific Gleaner.

### ARISE AND FINISH THE WORK

"The God of heaven, He will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build." Neh. 2:20.

We are living in a wonderful age. The world is madly rushing on to its doom. The prophet Daniel describing the scene says: "Many shall run to and fro." Everything in our world is getting ready for the enacting of the last act of the drama. We wonder at the great scientific achievements of our day—the printing press, the radio, the rapid transportation by land, sea and air, and the many other modern inventions which are being used by the world for pleasure and business,—but they are to be equipment in the hands of God's people for the carrying out of the divine program.

The time has certainly arrived when this people must arise and finish the work. "It is high time to awake out of sleep." "The crisis is fast approaching . . . the time for God's visitation has about come."—*Testimonies*, Vol. V, p. 209. Who will respond to the call of the hour? Who will rally to the standard?

"The agencies of evil are combining their forces, and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis."—*Id. Vol. IX*, p. 11. It is time for the reproach of indolence and slothfulness to be wiped away from our churches. "In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. . . . Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God."

By thousands of voices all over the earth, the warning will be given.

"The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church-membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—*Id. Vol. IX, p. 117.*

The special work for this time is "individual work for individuals." The people must be reached through personal evangelism. I am afraid there is too much sermonizing.

Personal evangelism is harder than preaching. It is not so much what we say that will win souls, as what we are. What we need is men and women who by the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives can wield an influence upon the unbeliever and bring him to Jesus. The disciples were hated; but men had to listen to their message. Personal evangelism is more than giving a tract, or giving a Bible reading. A workman who had fallen through the broken ice into the river was struggling in the water. A fellow workman held out to him a plank. Vainly he tried to get hold of it, for it was covered with ice. "Give me the other end of the plank," cried out the struggling man. We need to throw away the plank and stretch out the helping hand. What a great work could be done if all the rank and file of this denomination were to engage in this work for unbelievers!

What about the unconverted in your home? What about your next door neighbor? The man across the road, or street? Your grocer? Your friend? The men with whom you do business? The man with whom you journeyed? How did the social visit terminate? Have all these opportunities been improved? Or have we been too busy to save a soul from death? John Harper's last convert testified recently in a public meeting in Canada that it was on that awful night when the "Titanic" went down, while they were both struggling in the icy waters of the Atlantic, clinging to broken spars from the ship, that John Harper asked him the searching question, "Are you saved?" He replied, "No." "Then" said Harper, "believe in the Lord Jesus and thou shalt be saved." They were mysteriously brought together again by the waves, after being separated for a little time, and again the question was asked, "Are you saved?" The answer was still in the negative; and the words were repeated, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and thou shalt be saved." And then Harper sank, being too weak and exhausted to hold on longer. That night the unsaved man gave his heart to the Lord, and it was he who testified to that Canadian audience that he was John Harper's last convert.

Let us ever work untiringly for the greatest aggressive laymen's movement

for the year 1929 that has ever been organized in the Inter-American Division; and let us determine that there shall be no cessation of soul-winning activity until the work is finished.

HUBERT FLETCHER.

Riversdale, Jamaica.

### IN THE CHRISTIAN HOME

Last month we spoke of the importance of family worship in the home. That is a phase of home life that cannot be over-estimated; and today let us glance at another all-important subject for the builders of a Christian home.

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and *be in health*, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 2. Again and again the Bible tells us

#### New Recruits

Last year 160 missionaries were sent out to the different foreign fields.

Of these the following came to Inter-America:

Sister Maria Joswig (Mrs. A. Fanselau), to Honduras.  
 Brother and Sister A. R. Ogden, to Cuba.  
 Sister Mabel Head, to Cuba.  
 Sister Sally Jenkins, to Canal Zone.  
 Brother and Sister R. M. Carter, to Trinidad.  
 Brother and Sister N. W. Dunn, to Canal Zone.  
 Brother and Sister A. A. Davis and family, to Cuba.  
 Sister Carrie Dean (Mrs. Carl G. Christiansen), to Colombia.  
 Brother and Sister Harry Larrabee, to Guatemala.  
 Brother and Sister A. L. Christiansen, to Haiti.  
 Brother and Sister Arnold C. Lien, to Colombia.  
 Brother and Sister W. D. Kieser and family, to Costa Rica.  
 Brother and Sister J. D. Livingston, to Cuba.  
 Brother and Sister L. H. Gardiner, to Trinidad.  
 Brother and Sister J. A. Salazar and family, to Mexico.  
 Brother W. R. Elliott, to Trinidad.  
 Brother and Sister J. M. Cole, to Leeward Islands.  
 Brother Demetrio Peralta, to Colombia-Venezuela Union.

of our heavenly Father's desire for us to be in health; and later through the Spirit of Prophecy, placed in the remnant church, He reminds us that "the health should be guarded as sacredly as the character;" and He sends us instruction through the same source as to how the health may be guarded.

The Christian home should contribute in every possible way to the health of its members. "We should educate ourselves, not only to live in harmony with the laws of health, but to teach others the better way. Many, even of those

who profess to believe the special truths for this time, are lamentably ignorant with regard to health and temperance. They need to be educated, line upon line, precept upon precept. The subject must be kept fresh before them. This matter must not be passed over as non-essential; for *nearly every family needs to be stirred up on the question.* The conscience must be aroused to the duty of practicing the principles of true reform. God requires that His people shall be temperate in all things. Unless they practice true temperance, they will not, they can not, be susceptible to the sanctifying influence of the truth."—*"Counsels on Health," p. 449.*

### PENNANT SABBATH SCHOOLS

We are happy to learn of so many pennant Sabbath schools. May their number greatly increase in Inter-America during the present year. Perhaps you would like to be reminded again of the requirements for a place on this honor roll.

Since some of our fields have discontinued the issuing of the one seal honor cards, they find it difficult to compute the average in daily study, therefore,

"We recommend, that during 1929 pennants be granted to schools reaching 65% in offerings and two-seal honor cards, providing the school does not fall below 35% in either."

### NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that the next session of the West Caribbean Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at the Seventh-day Adventist church in the City of Panama on Wednesday, April 10, 1929, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing officers and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come up before the meeting.

W. E. Baxter, *President.*

A. V. Larson, *Secretary.*

Notice is hereby given that the next biennial session of the Panama Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene in the Seventh-day Adventist church in the City of Panama from April 10 to April 17, 1929. The first meeting is called for Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one delegate for every fifteen members or majority fraction thereof. All persons attending the conference are requested to provide themselves with bedding, etc. The Panama Conference will provide room for the delegates.

L. L. Hutchinson, *President.*

A. V. Larson, *Secretary.*

### YESTERDAY, "GREETINGS"; TODAY, "FAREWELL"

Thus it appeared to me after the three months and more spent in the Inter-American Division. Yet the weeks spent in the Leewards the South Caribbean, British Guiana, Venezuela, Colombia, and lastly, the very brief touch with the Canal Zone, are one of the most pleasant memories of my years of service. Giving me a vivid demonstration, as they did, of God's providential leading in His cause on earth, of His constant watch-care over His own; seeing again with my own eyes the evidences of growth both in numbers and in earnestness and loyalty to the cause of truth, the visit strengthened my own faith in the divine program, and deepened my confidence in the ultimate triumph of the Message.

Not the least of the joys of service in Inter-America during the visit was its personal contacts. Beginning with St. Thomas, our first port-of-call out from New York, where at landing keen eyes of old believers found us and welcomed us back, to the last farewells in the Canal Zone, among which stands in bold relief—because of its unusual character—the waved farewells, and shouted



Some of our ambitious juniors

good-byes of the faculty and student body of the West Caribbean Training School at Obispo, our visit was made with the feeling of welcome and of keen regret at parting.

As I look back over the time spent there, some conditions stare me constantly in the face. My heart cries out with yours, "How long, O Lord, how long?" Colombia! Venezuela! fertile of soil, fields heavy with grain for the Master's garner, and with a working force that must be content to touch just the corners of the great program. These conditions drive one to the Lord of the harvest with the plea that He "send forth reapers into His harvest." Then we cannot forget, nor would we desire to do so, the earnest faces of a race dear to our hearts from long years of

association with their homeland,—our East Indians of Trinidad and Demerara. The earnest of harvest is already in our ranks; the promise of a greater harvest is before our eyes! For them, too, we shall lift up our eyes to Him from whence cometh our help. May God hasten the day when they will no longer be compelled to wait, but rather may hear the voice of their true Friend calling them to Him.

We are pleased with our contacts in the Sabbath schools. Whether in the conference session, in local schools of the large churches, or in some new company of believers just established, the Sabbath school was working along lines that meant development and growth to greater service. Old and young found the Word a source of inspiration and we were especially pleased with the excellent record of daily study, attendance, and in gifts to missions. Careful attention to the new Sabbath school workers' Training Course book, "The Soul-Winning Sabbath School," will ensure continued growth, and unity of plan.

There is much that we might mention, but we must desist. But rest assured that our hearts beat with yours for Inter-America's needs; we pray with you that they may be abundantly filled from God's storehouse of love. And in bidding you farewell, we do so with kindly memories of our stay, extended or brief, in each of the Leewards, the South Caribbean, Guiana, Venezuela, Colombia, and the Zone; and again we thank you for your cooperation and kindness.

S. A. WELLMAN.  
Washington, D. C.

### JUNIORS REACH GOAL

I think you will be interested in the report I am sending you from our Junior Missionary Volunteer Society. The juniors had for their goal last quarter, five taking Bible Year, eight the Reading Course, two conversions, and five dollars to the India Boys' School. They passed their goal in every thing. Four of the juniors were so anxious for this group to reach the five dollars that they went out with the Morning Watch Calendars and sold enough to reach the goal. These juniors are seen in the accompanying picture.

I worked hard to reach our goal for the thirteenth Sabbath last quarter, and you will know how glad I am to be able to tell you that instead of the fifty dollars which the goal called for we reached

sixty-five. I think that was splendid. It means real sacrifice because the hurricane has made times hard here.

Mrs. CARRIE KNIGHT.  
St Thomas, Virgin Islands.

### A SERIOUS ACCIDENT

A letter from Brother P. J. Bailey, Missionary Volunteer Secretary of Jamaica, reports briefly a sad automobile accident in which two persons were seriously injured and two lost their lives. Those who lost their lives were the father of Brother Hubert Fletcher, one of our pioneer workers in Jamaica, and the sister of Brother Randall, another true and tried worker.

### A GIFT BIBLE FOR YOU

I hardly suppose our gift Bible fund is going to be like the widow's cruse of oil, however, we are happy to announce that again this year this splendid offer is made to the Missionary Volunteers in Inter-America.

Quite a number of Bibles have been going out to different parts of the division in the past; and we hope that many more will go forth this year.

### ANOTHER HERO FALLEN

A cablegram received by F. L. Harrison, our division treasurer, brought the sad news of his father's death on February 8; but the ray of the Blessed Hope once again pierces the darkness of the tomb. Brother Harrison's father, who had been a devoted member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for many years, looked confidently forward to the great reunion day when the Life-giver shall gather the faithful to receive their eternal reward. He had the joy of seeing two of his sons give their lives to foreign mission service.

### COMPARISON OF MISSION FUNDS

	1927	1928	Gain
Sabbath School	41,840.01	44,785.12	2,945.11
Harvest Ingather.	24,591.93	26,464.19	1,872.26
Publishing Extension	2,762.54	3,395.89	633.35
Other Miss. Funds	7,170.05	6,574.41	.....
		(Loss)	595.64
<b>Totals</b>	<b>76,364.53</b>	<b>81,219.61</b>	<b>5,450.72</b>
<b>Net Gain</b>			<b>4,855.08</b>

F. L. HARRISON,  
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Balboa, C. Z.

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