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I Wonder

If we could see as angels see,
The stern events now just at hand,
The trials awaiting you and me
Demanding strength and courage grand,—
I wonder—would we be content
To go on living as before?
On worldly thoughts would time be spent,
Or would we read our Bibles more?

If we could see with vision bared
The Master, even at the door,—
Could see the mansions now prepared,
And glories of the eternal shore,—
Would we more calm and patient be,
I wonder, while with snares beset?
Could ever we walk mournfully,—
The same small cares our spirits fret?

If we could see the joy and light
Of those we helped God's truth to know,
Or see them lost in endless night
Because we failed His love to show,—
I wonder—could mere weariness
Benumb our ardor, chill our zeal?
Would we not face all storm and stress
With hearts that just for others feel?

If we could see! But we may know,
For ah, the "eyesalve" bought above
Improves the sight, and helps to show
God's secret things, revealed in love.
His Word with guiding beacon ray
Shows future scenes, unerring, clear;
Awake, O soul, and work, and pray!
Eternity is almost here.

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WHY GOD WAITS—No. 2

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But we can say nothing more than to repeat what has been said. Instruction has been given, but how few have acted upon it! How few have been sufficiently interested to go without the camp bearing the reproach of Christ! God calls for personal effort from those that know the truth. He calls for Christian families to go into communities that are in darkness and error, to go into foreign fields, to become acquainted with a new class of society, and to work wisely and perseveringly for the cause of the Master. To answer this call, self-sacrifice must be experienced. While many are waiting to have every obstacle removed, souls are dying without hope and without God in the world. Many, very many, for the sake of worldly advantage, for the sake of acquiring knowledge of sciences, will venture into pestilential regions, and will go into countries where they think

they can obtain commercial advantage; but where are the men and women who will change their location, and move their families into regions that are in need of the light of the truth, in order that their example may tell upon those who shall see in them the representatives of Christ?

The Macedonian cry is coming from every quarter of the world, and men are saying, "Come over—and help us," and why is there not a decided response? Thousands ought to be constrained by the Spirit of Christ to follow the example of Him who has given His life for the life of the world. Why decline to make decided, self-denying efforts, in order to instruct those who know not the truth for this time? The chief Missionary came to our world, and he has gone before us to show us the way in which we should work. No one can mark out a precise line for those who would be witnesses for Christ. Those who have means are doubly responsible; for this means has been entrusted to them of God, and they are to feel their accountability to forward the work of God in its various branches. The fact that the truth binds souls by its golden links to the throne of God, should inspire men to work with all their God-given energy, to trade upon their Lord's goods in regions beyond, disseminating the knowledge of Christ far hence among the Gentiles. . . .

What are the principles of the law of God? "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and thy neighbor as thyself." Every soul that obeys the first four commandments, will obey the last six commandments, and make manifest what is the duty of man to his fellow men. He will manifest tender, pitying love toward everyone for whom Christ has died. He will consecrate himself to be a missionary, to be a laborer together with God. All who have the Spirit of Christ are missionaries for they derive zeal and energy from the chief Missionary. They will have the wisdom that comes from God, which is neither a blind impetuosity nor a cold, calculating Phariseeism, but springs from trust in God. "The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypo-

crisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace."

What can the universe of heaven think of those who profess to believe that Jesus Christ is the world's only hope of salvation, when they do so little to make Him known to those who are in the darkness of error? In the great day when every case is decided for eternity, how enormous will seem the guilt of those who have failed to warn their associates in probationary time of the doom that awaits those who neglect so great salvation. What a revelation will then be made of what professed Christians might have done, and did not do! How many souls will they see that might have been saved through their instrumentality had they been laborers together with God! Many who profess to love God seem to be enclosed in an icy atmosphere, and the love of Christ has never melted their souls. The Lord Jesus says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts."

MOVING FORWARD

The year 1928 has shown considerable progress throughout the various fields of the Inter-American Division. In this field we have five local conferences, twenty-one missions, one union conference and four union missions. Our church membership has now passed the 13,000 mark and stands at 13,122; and we have 313 churches. While our baptisms fall a little short of 1927 they number 1,763, the net gain in membership being 1,500. The workers total 430, of whom 108 are self-supporting, being engaged in the sale of our truth-filled books and periodicals.

It has been interesting to note that in one of the oldest fields, Jamaica, the baptisms total 411, and the membership

for that conference stands at 3,047. Next comes the South Caribbean Conference, with 281 baptisms, showing a membership of 2,339.

In the republic of Colombia, South America, with its 7,000,000 people we had only fifty-six believers at the close of 1926. This republic has been divided into three missions, and the truth is finding its way into the hearts of those who have been reared in the darkness of Catholicism; the facts reveal 131 baptized believers in Colombia at the close of 1928. Strong appeals are made for additional financial help to carry the Message to the unwarned sections of that great republic.

Brother Gustavo Olaya was walking over the Andes mountains on his way to Bogotá; he was going to visit his daughter who was living with the missionary family there. Another man was making the same trip but for another purpose. That man, *Señor Torres*, was making his yearly trip to the great cathedral which occupies the imposing position on the top of the mountain, overlooking the city of Bogotá. The two men soon became friends. Our brother could not read, but he had a desire to teach this man the true way. They climbed the mountain together, but Brother Gustavo waited outside the church while *Señor Torres* recited his prayers before the images. This was repeated several times. Finally *Señor Torres*, being convinced that our brother was a good man, inquired if he did not believe in God as he never prayed with him. The answer was:

"Yes, and that is the reason why I cannot pray to images."

As the two men made their way back over the mountains, Brother Gustavo explained the gospel to his friend. They walked and they talked. Occasionally they would stop to rest by a mountain stream, and to drink of the refreshing cold water; but before the journey's end *Señor Torres* had found the living fount and was drinking freely of that blessed stream. Now he is rejoicing in the faith which heals the soul and is carrying the same joy to his family.

We are pleased to report that \$81,219.61 was raised for missions in the Inter-American Division last year. Of this amount, \$44,785.12 was raised through the Sabbath School department; and this year the Sabbath schools are endeavoring to gather \$1,000.00 per week for missions. \$26,464.19 was collected during the Harvest Ingathering Campaign and applies on the total received for missions.

We are directing the attention of *each believer in the division* to the plan of systematic giving for missions during 1929. While many may not have funds with which to respond to special appeals by giving large amounts, *all can give a certain sum each week during 1929*. Will

you not endeavor to add something above what you have been giving each week this past year? With the many calls that are coming for help, it is a challenge for us each to put forth his best efforts.

The Antillian Union reports 916 in their baptismal classes January 1, 1929. With the definite goals which are being set in the fields for baptisms during the present year, we shall expect to see even greater things accomplished for the Master during 1929.

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GOD'S OWN PLAN FOR HIS OWN WORK

From the time that God began to counteract the evil results of sin in this old world, His plan has been *evangelism*. Evangelism has always meant more than simply preaching or teaching, although it has included both. It was founded on a personal experience, and this experience seemed more important to the Lord than all besides.

For Abraham the call to evangelism meant the death of his own desires, plans, and personal ambitions. It meant the forsaking of chosen companions and dear ones, the leaving of all the ties that were most dear to him, and going forth to do the Lord's will. The same plan was presented to His people when they were called to leave Egypt and go forth and develop into a people that was to illuminate the world with the light of heaven. And this plan included an experience that the Lord wished His people to obtain. In fact His people needed a certain experience before He could reveal through them His great love to the lost world. In "Prophets and Kings," page 370, we read:

"In the years that followed the occupation of the promised land, the beneficent designs of Jehovah for the salvation of the heathen were almost wholly lost sight of, and it became necessary for Him to set forth His plan anew. 'All the ends of the world' the psalmist was inspired to sing 'shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before Thee.'

"Had Israel been true to her trust, all the nations of earth would have shared in her blessings. But the hearts of those to whom had been entrusted a knowledge of saving truth, were untouched by the needs of those around them."

When the disciples of Jesus were looking forward and meditating about a coming harvest, the Lord told them to lift up their eyes unto the fields, because in His plan the harvest *was* ready and ripe, but the Lord adds, "But the laborers are few." He knew only too well that His own followers needed an experience that would fit them to become real workers for souls.

It is true that He said, "Go"; but He added, "Tarry in Jerusalem until ye re-

ceive" that impartation of LIFE, which alone can fit you for service.

We know well the results that followed those days of prayer and seeking. Paul says that the gospel was preached to every creature under heaven. (Col. 1:23.) With Paul it was the result of an experience which induced him to forsake all, even himself, and then by faith to let Jesus reveal His life through him to the world. In Gal. 1:16 Paul says: "To reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the heathen;" And thus he taught his listeners: "And you that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath He reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in His sight." Col. 1:21, 22.

And what is it that we need at this time when the world is in intense expectancy, when souls by the millions are going down under the hand of the destroyer, when thousands are saying that religion is a failure and other thousands are seeking a covering in the isms of this day?—Yes, what is it that we need?

It is now that a new life and power must take possession of God's people. We do need evangelists, and need them badly, but most of all we need that experience, which the Lord only can bestow, to fit us for evangelism.

Self must die. This is the first and hardest battle. Until this battle is won, and the soul falls before Jesus, and asks Him to take all and to help him to receive all from the Giver, it is useless to talk. In "Testimonies," Vol. 9, page 52, the thought is expressed thus: "The work of evangelizing the world has been greatly hindered by personal selfishness." Again in "Christ's Object Lessons," page 402, we read:

"Only when selfishness is dead, when strife for supremacy is banished, when gratitude fills the heart, and love makes fragrant the life,—it is only then that Christ is abiding in the soul, and we are recognized as laborers together with God."

May God help us as workers to die first of all, as George Müller said when he was converted: "When I saw Jesus, I died: died to my own ways, my own will, and since then I have only tried to please Him."

It must be, although it may seem a hard saying to some, that selfishness and lack of faith are greatly hindering the Lord in His final work for lost humanity.

C. E. MOON.

Tacubaya, Mexico.

"When you go out in the morning,
To begin the work of the day,
Don't neglect the little chances
You will find along the way;
For in lifting another's burden,
And speaking a word of cheer,
You will find your own cares lighter
And easier far to bear."

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**THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD
 MOVING ON HEARTS**

The Dominican Mission was happily surprised by the arrival of Pastor A. R. Ogden, the superintendent of the Antillian Union. He and I visited Macoris February 12. Macoris has a good church building, and also a growing membership. We had a feast for two nights there as we listened to the inspiring message he brought. The church was well filled. The Spirit of God was present and many said, "This is the truth."

Friday evening and Sabbath were spent in the capital and all wished the visit might have been longer. Sunday morning Pastor Ogden left for Santiago. There also the house was crowded, and some had to stand outside. God greatly blessed in presenting the Message in all these places.

For years in this republic we have been working hard to get church buildings, and often it has been a harder task to get people to attend the church. But a new era is here, and not the Adventists, but the Lord Himself is moving on the hearts in such a way that our difficulty is not to get people to church, but to make room for them.

Our church building in the capital can accommodate about 250. The Sabbath Pastor Ogden was here just that number attended, and we thought that the house was crowded; but just imagine next night when about 500 persons tried to get into the same space. A church with seating capacity for 500 or 600 could be filled every Sunday night. We have often prayed God to fill the church, but now we are praying for a new place of worship.

The lay members have been working faithfully and the Lord has used them to spread the Message in such a way that the whole city is filled with the knowledge of the Advent Message. God is wonderfully blessing the work in this republic and we expect to see a rich harvest of souls this year.

PETER NYGAARD.

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By oversight the name of Pastor W. E. Bidwell was omitted from the 1929 Year Book Ministerial Directory. About the time his transfer from the Bahamas to Florida took place the 1929 Year Book directory was being made up. We greatly regret the omission of the name of our esteemed and faithful brother, Pastor W. E. Bidwell, from the 1929 Year Book, where it has appeared so regularly during his many years of faithful service.

A. R. OGDEN.



New chapel at La Porte near Jacmel, Haiti

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**AMONG THE GUAYMI INDIANS
 NO. 2**

We inquired when they would have their *balsaria* (Indian dance). They said that this dance displeased their gods, therefore it was discontinued. Their crops did not grow as they should, their families and herds did not multiply, and disease was prevalent. They also said that the Spanish people told them that God would change this world to a better one and that He was displeased with their cruel dance.

We feel thankful that this cruel dance has been discontinued; and, while we cannot understand how the Message came to them of the change of this old world for a new one, we feel that the Spirit of God is impressing them. They have a very vague idea of God, thinking that there is a god for every mountain, valley, or district. They set up four sticks, two on either side of the trail approaching their homes. These they think will prevent the evil spirits from entering their homes at night.

We learned soon after entering their territory that no stranger is permitted there more than three days; so we hastened to reach the sub-chief to see if it would be possible to extend the visit.

We had unloaded the saddles and packs many times and carried them around points where the trail was too steep and dangerous; but at the end of the second day, we reached the sub-chief, Candelario Cire. He approached us in a friendly manner with a staff in his hand. We gave him presents of cloth, etc., which he graciously accepted. He has several wives, one large thatched house, and another house where he keeps prisoners in stocks, but there were no prisoners when we were there.

One of his young wives was nearly blind with sore, swollen eyes full of pus.

We bathed her eyes with boric solution that evening, instructing the other wives to continue bathing the eyes during the night. In the morning she felt better and could open her eyes some. The chief was very glad and wanted us to go back through the mountains to treat another wife who also was sick; but we said we could not go and return in time to get out of their territory in three days. He then said we could stay as long as we desired. We told him that we wanted to help all of his people, but could not do so except we lived there with them. He eagerly invited us to return and live with him or anywhere in his territory.

He brought his little baby boy, who was well, and wanted us to cure him in advance. It is their practice to name and rename their people and children after any one whom they think is great. We are favored in being able to report that many of them now have our names.

When we left, the chief said, "You must return to help my people." He sent his father-in-law, Valentino Surdo, who also spoke Spanish, to guide us to the home of the big Chief, Juaquin Jimenez, living only a long day's ride from the sub-chief. He had already heard of us when we arrived there in the evening. The news of us as doctors travelled far ahead. We found numerous cases of sore eyes, infections, fevers, etc., but as a whole, they are a healthy race.

At first the big chief was not inclined to speak more than was necessary, but soon he conversed freely, telling of his people, country, etc. He doesn't know how many people he now rules over, but we feel, after riding among them as we did, that thirty thousand is a conservative figure. The climate is very cool, especially at night. Probably they have an altitude of about 2,500 or 3,000 feet.

All the women are taught to make bags of beautiful colors. These are made from the leaves of a cactus-like plant, similar to the century plant of California. The men walk for days and days to trade these bags for cloth, beads,

and trinkets they like. Women are also cunning with the bow and arrow, although the men usually do the hunting. They also do beautiful bead work.

The big chief took us to some of his people nearby, who were sick with fever and other ailments. We treated them. We had good dental forceps, but they were afraid to let us use them. Therefore, we could not relieve them of toothache. This big chief also begged us to return to help his people. A house will be provided for Brother Ellis and family when they go to live among them. They will be near a clear, cool river.

Leaving the home of the big chief, and crossing the beautiful llanos, we came to a steep cliff about seventy-five feet perpendicular, over which, the Catholic priest was thrown. We returned safely to Remedios and praised the Lord for His care over us and for working upon the hearts of these wild people to admit us in their territory and to invite Brother Ellis and family to labor with them.

A boat was soon leaving for Puerto Pedregal, so I bade farewell to Brother Ellis and remained a few days awaiting a boat for Panama City. While passing through the village on Sabbath, the postmaster and telegraph operator called me to his house, saying he wanted to be an Adventist. He had bought two or three books and a year's subscription to *El Centinela* three years ago when we passed through there, and he was now hungry for our truth. He believed in the seventh day Sabbath, and all of our doctrines.

I immediately thanked the Lord for arranging so well for His people and His work. We had been wondering how we would be able to get supplies to Brother Ellis from the conference through this town, which is the last station in civilization before entering the Indian territory. Now the Lord has it worked out for us, with the postmaster and telegraph operator in sympathy with our work.

When Brother Ellis returned to Remedios with his family he planned to make up a pack train of horses to carry provisions for several months. By going direct from Remedios, it will not require more than a week to reach the location which we selected for our mission site. It is a beautiful green llano with a river nearby which flows continuously. It is quite centrally located and near the big chief, Juaquin Jimenez, who welcomes our efforts to help his people.

May the Lord add His blessing to our human endeavors and cause His name to be glorified throughout this great tribe.

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THE MESSAGE IN COLOMBIA, NO. 2

When Pastor Nickle and the writer traveled through the western picturesque mountain region of Colombia, we were perplexed to know how to meet the many demands that were made upon us all during our trip. A short resumé of the situation may impress upon you the wonderful opportunities that are open for us in that part of the country.

In Puerto Tejada, a place without even a priest, not fewer than one hundred are waiting for an evangelist. One man has offered us a small hall for meetings, free of charge.

In Inza the mayor was so interested in our Message that he gave us permission to preach in the market place. He himself advertized our meetings among his friends and neighbors. Hundreds attended.

In Timana we have a family of Sabbath-keepers and they have interested fifty of their neighbors in the Message. The leading merchant in the town put his *patio* at our disposal for meetings and we held meetings every night during our short stay in that little town.

Neiva, a city of 25,000 inhabitants, is the capital of a province. There we announced a private meeting in the hotel, and fifty of the leading business men attended. In this town the theater

is available for our meetings for little or no cost, and the electric company has promised to furnish light gratis.

In the town of San Lorenzo the brethren held a meeting in the theater last year and the people begged them with tears to return. We have not been able to attend to that interest, which undoubtedly will yield a large company.

In Bogotá, the capital of the republic, there is a remarkable response to our efforts. In spite of the absolute inadequacy of our meeting place, which is on the third floor of a rooming house, people attend and fill the space we have. The older members have received new life and the new members are on fire with the ambition to carry the Message to their friends. Tithe and offerings are increasing from month to month. An interest has sprung up among the law-students of the Liberal University of Bogotá, and we were invited to address them on the subject of religious liberty.

In Medellin, perhaps the most Catholic and conservative city of Colombia, large bulletins are published in every church, warning people against the Adventists. On the Sunday after we started holding meetings in that city, excommunication to anyone who should attend our meetings was threatened from every pulpit. The newspapers that dared publish announcements shared the same fate. Nevertheless in exactly one year after Brother and Sister Trummer moved to Medellin, the membership of our church grew from two to twenty-one. Our brethren in Medellin are very loyal to the Message, and liberal in their contributions.

In Barranquilla we have a very successful school which has won the recognition of the neighborhood. Most of the pupils come from Catholic homes,



Our Sabbath school members in Medellin, one of the strongest Catholic cities in Colombia

but many of them are now members of the Sabbath school and young people's society, and undoubtedly some at least will be future workers in the cause.

Our force of conference workers in Colombia is very slender, consisting of five families, and four self-supporting colporteurs. We greatly need suitable homes for our missionaries and for our churches. Rents are very high in Colombia, and much time is spent in securing meeting places and suitable living quarters. Our companies of believers are continually under-going the trying experience of having their places of worship shifted.

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IN THE HEDGES

After I returned from the conference, Mrs. Knight and I visited the church at Tortola. We walked eighteen miles over the hills and mountains to visit some of our "children," who because of the rain were not able to come to the church. There is only a path through the bush and grass to the church and when it rains, they get very wet.

I also walked over the mountains to the west end, where we held a meeting just before the conference, to visit some people who had taken their stand at the close of our meeting. No one had visited these new converts since our meeting, and I was anxious to learn if they were remaining faithful. One man had refused several jobs because he would not work on the Sabbath. This created quite a talk among the people, but our brother remained true to principle. This same brother gave up drink and the use of tobacco. He told me that before he took his stand for the truth, he spent all his money for drink, but now he is saving his money and has been able to buy a horse to ride to church at Roadtown, twelve miles distant.

Another demonstration of the power of God is that of a man here in St. Thomas, who many years ago gave up this truth. The devil seemed to take possession of him, and he would tell the people he was John the Baptist. He went to the bush and refused to wear clothing. The hurricane in 1924 blew down the house in which he was staying and crippled him. For some time he was in water. After we came here, he sent for me to come and see him. I did so, and he said he was sorry for all he had done and wanted to know if there was any hope for him. I told him that if we confess our sins, God is ready and willing to forgive, so he asked that we pray for him. We did, and visited him occasionally afterward.

Later he made a request for healing. He had not walked for four years. I felt sure he was in earnest, so we had prayer for him, and I advised that he get out of bed and walk a little each day. He tried it, and God healed him. He wanted to be baptized, and the Sabbath afterward, he walked to church over the hill nearly a mile away; and now goes there three times a week to meeting. He is a very happy man.

I. G. KNIGHT.

St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

IN GUADELOUPE

It was Sabbath morning that our boat came into the harbor of Pointe-a-Pitre, and though neither Pastor Cole, the president of the conference through which we were traveling, nor myself knew the location of any of the few believers on the island, we decided to make an attempt to locate some of them. In going over the records of the conference office, the writer had taken note of the name of a sister. Equipped with this, and a little knowledge of French, we began to make inquiry in the city about this sister. Before coming off the boat we had asked the Lord's guidance in finding one of His own, and this prayer was answered, for the third inquiry gave us the desired information. We found that Madam—— lived out in the country about eight miles. After some study we decided to make the trip.

The chauffeur said he knew the house, and in pleasant anticipation of meeting our sister we got out of the car and went into the house. The lady asked us to be seated, but as she did so there was doubt in our minds, for we noticed that she was bedecked with jewelry. The writer asked her: "Are you a Seventh-day Adventist?" She replied, "No," and then told us that there was another lady by the same name out in the edge of the town, and that she was an Adventist.

We soon found the place, and oh how glad she was to see us. All alone, with no one else of like precious faith to meet with on the Sabbath, this dear sister is faithfully holding up the light of present truth amid the darkness and superstition all around her. We felt more than repaid for the effort and expense of the visit, and even greatly blessed when in the season of prayer we had together before leaving, this sister in her fervent, heart-felt prayer, thanked God that on that Sabbath day she could unite her prayer with ours, instead of being all alone to worship God.

The story of her conversion is a most interesting one. It is another story of how God, through a colporteur, brought the truth to an ardent Catholic.

She was born in Guadeloupe, but when the colporteur found her, she was work-

ing in a little shop over in France. As the colporteur gave his canvass and mentioned the prophecies, she said to herself. "When my mother was alive, she used to say that she wished she knew more about the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, and perhaps here in France they are more tolerant and permit the reading of other than church books. So she ordered the book and in another week the colporteur was there to deliver it. She paid him for it, and expected he would then go out; but he picked up the book and began to leaf through it explaining more in detail what is contained. Then he told her that she must compare the statements in the book with the Bible. At the mention of the Bible she became angry, and ordered him out of the shop. But he told her she should not do that for he was only trying to help her. They kept on conversing, but whenever he would mention the Bible she would become furious. Some weeks passed, and the anniversary of her first communion came, and very devoutly she went to the cathedral. She said that she observed that communion as sincerely and as earnestly as though it were the first one.

During the service she prayed earnestly for light and just as she crossed the threshold to go out, she said a voice almost as audible as though some one spoke to her said, "Why can't you have confidence in the Bible, when it is the Word of God?" Just after arriving home, the postman came with a package, saying as he delivered it, "I have been here twice before, but you were not here yesterday nor the day before." In the package was a Bible that the colporteur had sent to her. Had it been delivered the evening before she would not have accepted it. But there it was in answer to her prayer, and she knew that she should study the Word of God and the book that the colporteur had sold her.

After sometime spent in studying the truth with our workers, this sister went to Collonges, France, and there Pastor A. G. Roth baptized her. She has been an Adventist now for about five years. She says there is an awakening interest in the Bible in the Catholic island of Guadeloupe, and pleads earnestly for a worker to be sent to commence aggressive work. There is not one worker on the island, the inhabitants of which number about 230,000. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send laborers into this part of the great harvest field.

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"We are never alone. Whether we choose Him or not, we have a companion. Remember that wherever you are, whatever you do, God is there."

CARIBBEAN TRAINING COLLEGE NOTES

Pastor J. M. Cole, president of the Leeward Islands Conference, visited the school recently. He spent several days with the teachers and students, and renewed his acquaintance with Professor and Sister R. S. J. Hamilton and Mother Hamilton. The students enjoyed his sermons and inspirational talks very much. One of the most interesting of them was his illustrated lecture on the Fiji Islands, where Pastor Cole spent many years as a missionary. It is always helpful to us to learn of the triumphs of God's cause in far away lands, for it encourages us to hasten our preparation so we may do our part in the closing work.

In March two of our students were invited to spend some months in St. Kitts, helping with the work. Word has been received that they arrived safely, and had already started their work. We are sure their efforts along evangelistic lines will prove a blessing to them, as well as to those interested in the Message; and when they return to resume their studies they will know just what courses they should take in the interest of their future work.

The ground has been broken and work has started on the entrance to our main building. An order for seventy-five folding seats has been placed by the South Caribbean Conference with our wood-working department. These will be used in evangelistic work on the island.

We now have five East Indians enrolled as students. Four of these can read, write, and converse in their own tongue, and look forward to the time when they can carry the Message to their own people. There are thousands of East Indians in Trinidad and as yet nothing has been done for them; apart from the evangelistic efforts conducted in English.

We are looking forward to "field day" when all the members of the school family will lay aside their books and take part in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. We are sure that it will bring a blessing to all.

ELOISE F. WILLIAMS.
St. Joseph, Trinidad.

MEXICAN UNION MISSION

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PAID HIS TITHE FIRST

I have just returned from a trip with Brethren Thompson, Wood, Parsons and Moon through the wildest part of the Central Mission. I am sure that the visit of these brethren from the General Conference and the division will result in great good in our mission.

What an inspiration it was to see the earnestness of the people wherever we went! Those black-faced Indians would come to us and tell of murders they had committed, and ask what they must do to be saved. Some would stand with tears streaming over their copper cheeks and with trembling lips confess the most horrible crimes, and ask how they could atone for these things so that God would adopt them as His children.

One brother, whom Brother Thompson baptized, went with us on our journey over the Sierra Madre mountains which took four days and nights. I say nights, for we had to go from early morning till late at night,—one night until one o'clock in the morning. All he cared for taking us over was fifteen dollars, which was little more than enough for food for himself and his seven donkeys during the trip there and back. As soon as we reached the railroad, I gave him the money; and immediately he counted out his tithe and handed it to me, saying, "I want you to take this and put it in the mission treasury to be used in the Lord's work. It is not mine, you know."

Tehuantepec is coming along fine now, especially in tithes and offerings, and I am sure that this mission will make better progress in this respect, also. There is plenty of good material here to work on, and the Lord will bless sincere efforts to get the truth before the people.

O. C. BARRETT.

Tacubaya, D. F., Mexico.

FIRST FRUIT IN YUCATAN

At the close of last year I had the privilege of gathering the first real fruits in Yucatan. These were Brother and Sister Cong, the Koreans in Timul. You should have seen their faces after their baptism and heard the songs of praise Brother Cong sang.

The second Sabbath in January we

baptized five of the believers in Merida. Among the five was a blind lady of seventy-three years who is happy to have found her Saviour in her old age. There are a few more whom we hope to baptize soon and then organize the first church in the Yucatan Mission.

Last December an eighteen-year-old boy sold \$632.00 worth of "Patriarchs and Prophets" in Carmen. He found the people interested and favorable to our Message, and asks that a worker be sent there. May the Lord send us a faithful worker to go there and help those people on their way to heaven.

It is our daily prayer that this mission may grow and that as leaders we may have health and faith to do the work the Lord has for us to do.

C. L. DINIUS.

Merida, Yucatan.

THE FIRST CAMP MEETING IN MEXICO

The accompanying picture shows some of our believers who attended the first camp-meeting ever held in Mexico. It certainly was a great feast for us workers as well as for the native believers. It was held out in the wilds of Guerrero at a place we christened "Philadelphia" or Brotherly Love. Seventeen souls were buried in baptism at this meeting.

Brother Antonio Torres, former pastor of the Mexico City church, is looking after the work in the state of Guerrero. The interest there will keep him busy for many months.

We have many Indian believers in this mission. Eight of them speak the ancient Aztec language; and thirty-five or forty speak the Totonaca language. We have one brother of the Otomi Tribe, but he speaks very little of the language.

I recently received a letter from Brother Mesa from Vera Cruz. He has often expressed his desire for just one person whom he could say he had been



The interior of the booth where the first campmeeting was held in Mexico

instrumental in saving. Now he thanks the Lord for thirty-five who are keeping the Sabbath. Another brother reports forty whom he has organized into a Sabbath school. This brother came from the plow, and is a fulfilment of what the Lord said would be done by the lay members without training, but with the Spirit of true Christian service.

C. E. MOON.

Tacubaya, Mexico.

WHAT SHALL OUR 1929 RECORD BE?

The Extension Budget for 1929 calls for \$161,824.00—the largest amount ever requested from the Big Week receipts. Sixty-seven special missionary projects in ten great divisions of our world work will be benefited by the fund raised this present year. Inter-America is budgeted to receive from this amount \$18,450.00, which will provide assistance for our schools in Costa Rica, Cuba, Jamaica, Trinidad, and Venezuela; and dispensaries in Mexico City, Colombia, Guatemala, and Salvador.

We greatly need this appropriation from the Extension Fund to extend and develop our work in these needy fields; and there is no more profitable way to invest the money than by providing facilities by which our youth may be trained for soul-winning service; and by establishing dispensaries in important centers to minister to the sick, and thereby prepare them for the reception of the truth.

The Big Week campaign presents a double opportunity to every member of the Seventh-day Adventist church,—the opportunity of assisting in the raising of these funds by selling the quota of books or other literature; and the opportunity of placing truth-laden books in the homes of the people, and of speaking encouraging words to interested souls who may be met during the visits in this special week of service.

The individual goal that has been set is not high,—\$2.00 worth of literature sold,—which is an average for estimating church goals. If we continue to make the same progress in Inter-America that we have during the past three years, our 1929 receipts should be between four and five thousand dollars. Let us make this campaign more vigorous and successful than all former efforts.

C. E. WOOD.

Balboa, Canal Zone.

THE 1929 S. O. S. CALL

One day the daily paper told of the typhoon disaster in the Philippines which claimed a toll of 130 or more lives. The next day the headlines pointed to an earthquake that snuffed out more than 160 lives down in Chile. These are only two of the many dis-

trressing items that the daily news brought. Surely, there is no lack for reminders of the rapidly approaching end.

Do we not hear in these reports of disaster by land and sea a great unspoken S. O. S. call from the lost souls around us? With greater and greater emphasis these reports declare that our last opportunity for throwing out the life-line will soon have passed by—passed by to return no more.

What does that solemn fact mean to the Missionary Volunteers in Inter-America today. One of the young West Indian men on the ill-fated *Vestris*, Lionel Licorish, in spite of two bruised ribs, rescued at least sixteen persons from the boiling waters of the stormy Atlantic in comparatively few minutes. That was remarkable bravery and self-denying service.

We have young people in Inter-America who have manifested a similar zeal for souls, and God has blessed them wonderfully. They have not only heeded the Master's call to "lift up your eyes and look out on the fields; but they are white already to harvest" but, realizing that He has appointed them to be His helping hand in harvesting the golden grain, they have gathered many precious sheaves.

We thank God for their diligence, but as 1929 is slipping away and we stand on the very brink of eternity, there surges in our hearts an inexpressible longing for each of us to gather more sheaves, to rescue more lost ones, than ever before.

Shortly before the *Vestris* sank, the radio operator flashed out through the air this urgent appeal: "Oh, please come at once; we need immediate assistance." Back came the wireless message from another boat: "Coming with all speed." Somehow it seems to me I can hear from all over our division, people who know not this Message calling to our young people in a hundred ways: "Oh, please come at once; we need immediate assistance." Yes, the lost ones around us do "need immediate assistance," and I thank God that our young people may help to answer this call. May their earnest lives this year flash forth the spiritual radio message, "Coming with all speed."

FOLLOWING THE VIRGIN MARY

"The Virgin Mary kept the true Bible Sabbath according to the fourth commandment, and that is the reason we are keeping it." So stated a father and two sons after one of our evening meetings in David, Panama.

We had never seen or heard of these people before. They had come down that day from away up in the interior. The Lord certainly directed them to our meeting. When asked if others were

keeping the Sabbath, the father said that his wife and a number of the families around his place were also keeping the Sabbath.

We told them that it was true that the Virgin Mary kept the seventh-day Sabbath, as did also all the other holy women; and we quoted the following text:

"And the women also, which came with Him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how His body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment." Luke 23:55, 56.

The next day it was decided that Pastor Smith should take a horse and go in search of these people. The following is from a letter just received from Brother Smith:

"I returned yesterday evening from my long trip. I found the place. It is on the right bank of the Fonseca river. I took down the names of thirty-nine persons who were resting on Saturday, recognizing that day as the Sabbath. . . .

"Now what are you going to do with this situation? I believe if proper efforts are put forth for these people, a strong church can be organized within a few months."

Then Brother Smith says: "Here am I, send me, I am willing to go at once."

L. L. HUTCHINSON.

Cristobal, C. Z.

WE CAN DO IT

Last year a recommendation was made by our division committee when assembled in its annual session which reads as follows:

"We recommend, that the Inter-American Sabbath schools aim definitely to give \$1,000 per week for missions."

During the fourth quarter of last year we gave on an average of \$909.01, running short of our goal by \$90.99. Just stop a minute to think what it would have meant if each one of our 17,587 members had each week dropped one cent more into the envelope.

What would it mean?—Why that one cent more each week from each member of the Sabbath school would have carried us splendidly past our goal of \$1,000 a week to missions!

How many will help to make up this deficit during 1929?

THAT GIFT BIBLE

"Send us gift Bibles for the following," wrote Sister Parsons; and then followed the names of fourteen young people who had earned one of the Bibles our dear Sister Aebi in Florida makes it possible for us to offer. We have also sent Bibles recently to Jamaica, Porto Rico, and Costa Rica. To what field will the next Bible go?

To every Missionary Volunteer this offer is extended. Why not get a gift Bible this year?

IN DIVISION COUNCIL

As this issue of the MESSENGER goes to press, the members of the division committee are hard at work in their annual council at the division office. Pastor W. W. Eastman and Brother W. E. Abernathy are here from the General Conference, and we are very glad for their presence. Then Pastors A. R. Ogden, W. E. Baxter, H. E. Baasch, W. R. Elliott, and D. A. Parsons, are here from their respective unions, and Brother E. W. Everest is here from the Pacific Press. All are pressing forward unitedly for the advancement of this great work, and praying earnestly for divine guidance in this day of unprecedented opportunities.

HERE AND THERE

Pastor E. E. Andross and Brother F. L. Harrison left the division office March 27 for Jamaica to attend the Antillian Union Meeting.

Pastor W. E. Baxter and Brother W. D. Kieser, the field secretary for the Central American Union, attended the Panama Conference meetings held in Panama City, April 10 to 17. Brother Baxter remained for the division meeting, April 18 to 28.

April 1, Brother and Sister L. B. Mer-shon from Borneo passed through the Panama Canal enroute to the United States for their furlough. We were sorry that their boat did not stop in Balboa, but it did stop in Cristobal and we were happy to hear Sister Mer-shon's voice over the telephone. Brother and Sister Mer-shon have been missionaries in Borneo for several years, and it was Sister Mer-shon who wrote the interesting little book, "With the Wild Men of Borneo."

Pray that every evangelistic effort conducted this year may be successful and bring greater results than ever before. Never before was there such a demand for the Message. Over three hundred people were present each night during the 51 meetings that were conducted in a tent effort this year in Panama, and 90 signed the covenant to keep the Sabbath. Eighty of the ninety testified that they had not missed a single night of the meetings.

CHILDREN'S SPANISH SONG BOOK

For sometime our Spanish friends have been wanting a song book for the children and we are glad to announce that such a book has now been prepared by our friends in South America. The price is 50 cents, gold. Order from the Pacific Press, Cristobal, Canal Zone.

What is Prayer?

Prayer is fruit of a *pray-er*, and produces fruit to a *pray-er* allowing the *pray-er* to produce more fruit as a result of prayer.

"Prayer is the key—"; "prayer is talking to a companion"; prayer is also opening the heart to the Friend of friends, keeping the channel open between the Sustainer and the one sustained.

Prayer is the means of continuing partnership with the Source of our supplies, for the great Partner says: "Without Me ye can do nothing."

Prayer is expressing appreciation, which reveals the degree of willingness on our part to receive.

Prayer is more than broadcasting. It also helps to keep us in tune for receiving from station H-E-A-V-E-N. Prayer helps us to keep the dials in the right place.

Prayer is a better eliminator of distance than radio is. Better still, prayer is the means through faith of bringing us face to face with the Maker.

Prayer is the electrical shovel to keep the path clear of the snow of indifference. If the means are not used, the road is blocked and communications are hindered. When the power is turned on and the means used, "without ceasing," then we may expect the supplies of heavenly graces.

Prayer does not change God and cause Him to bestow. Prayer changes us and allows God a place in which to bestow. It is written, "Ask and it shall be given you." Matt. 7:7.

Communication with God helps us to abide in God so that the Word of God may abide in us. As God's Word is the bread of life, prayer is the breath of life. Studying God's Word is eating to live spiritually. Breathing physically keeps the passage open for the lungs; and praying, which is breathing spiritually, keeps the passage open for the heart to take in the heavenly oxygen of "bright beams" to keep spiritually healthy.

O. J. LAWRENCE.
Nassau, Bahamas.

OBITUARIES

DIVINE.—Sister Charlotte Divine, Jamaican, seventy-nine years old, died March 13, 1929. In her early womanhood she came to Panama where she accepted the Third Angel's Message, and was baptized by Pastor Wellman. The interest of God's work and of her family was always on her heart, and she did her best for both until the end came.

She lived to see four of her children, three boys, one girl, and also one of her grandchildren accept the faith. Brother Ishmael Ellis, one of her sons, is giving all his time to the preaching of the Message she loved so much. She leaves a large family of children and grandchildren with whom many hearts join in their sorrow. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Job 14.

A. A. GRIZZLE.

Panama City, R. P.

GROVE.—Brother Fred Grove was born in St. Thomas 1865 and died at New Providence, Canal Zone, March 13, 1929. Brother Grove accepted the truth under the labors of Pastor H. C. Goodrich, at Empire, Canal Zone, in 1907. He remained faithful to the end. Words

of exhortation on the state of the dead were spoken by the writer.

H. W. HALL.

New Providence, Canal Zone.

ELLINGTON.—Brother Ezekiel Ellington of Jamaica, a member of the church in Elena, Bocas del Toro, died December 28, 1928 at Almirante after several months of suffering. His wife and seven children mourn their loss. Two of the children are members of the church. Our brother died in the blessed hope of our coming King.

SMITH.—Sister Eliza Smith, Jamaican, died at Almirante, March 17, 1929, after several months of suffering. Sister Smith was forty-nine years of age. She leaves several daughters to mourn their loss, one of whom is a member of Bocas church. She rests from her labor to await the call of the Life-giver.

G. H. NEMBARD.

Bocas del Toro, R. P.

IZQUIERDO.—February 8 a sad accident occurred when Brother Salvador A. Izquierdo was almost instantly killed by an overturning auto truck about forty miles east of Camaguey, Cuba. Brother Izquierdo accepted this Message from reading "Great Controversy." By his smiling face and pleasant manner he won the love of everyone. His sudden death was not only keenly felt by the church but by the people of Camaguey City. This was evidenced at his funeral which was attended by a large crowd. Among the men who followed the hearse were merchants, professional men, and tradesmen; and as the hearse moved through the city, the crowd increased until fifteen autos trailed behind. Words of commendation were heard on every side. He was laid away by a host of mourning friends and brethren to await the coming of the Life-giver. He leaves a wife and four little children, father, mother, three brothers, and one sister to mourn their loss.

R. E. STEWART.

Camaguey, Cuba.

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