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## The End Approaching Rapidly

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Some years ago through the Spirit of Prophecy the following message came to this people: "The loud cry of the third angel has already begun in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ, the sin-pardoning Redeemer. This is the beginning of the light of the angel whose glory shall fill the whole earth."—*Mrs. E. G. White in Review and Herald, Nov. 22, 1892.*

Since this message came there has been a remarkable development of our work along all lines. The membership of the denomination has rapidly increased; the funds, such as tithe and mission offerings, have grown in a very remarkable way; the per capita offerings have increased from \$8.44 to \$43.01. The number of students in our schools has increased from about 9,000 to 60,000. In every department of the work there has been phenomenal growth until at the close of 1928 we had literature in 141 languages and the Message was being proclaimed orally in 347 languages.

It is very evident that this phenomenal growth is not the result of man's efforts but is directly due to the presence of God's Holy Spirit among His people, and the outpouring of His Spirit upon the hearts of the multitudes, preparing them for the last Message of mercy to the world.

"The stream of living water is to deepen and widen in its course. . . . Through most wonderful workings of divine providence, mountains of difficulty will be removed, and cast into the sea. The Message that means so much to the dwellers upon earth, will be heard and understood. Men will know what is truth. Onward and still onward the work will advance, until the whole earth shall have been warned; and then shall the end come."—*"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 96.*

Each year that has passed has witnessed more and more marvelous developments in this advancing work, especially in the darker lands of the earth. Each Autumn Council has been distinguished by reports from the mission lands of experiences in the progress of the Message that could be accounted for on no other basis than that we are now in the loud cry; that the angel of Revelation 18 is now filling the earth with His glory.

The reports presented at the last Autumn Council of experiences in the mission fields were very similar to the experiences reported in the book of Acts. That the end is rapidly approaching, and, that very, very soon the consummation of our hopes—the coming of our blessed Saviour in glory and power,—is to be realized by the faithful, are beyond question. Although these signs of the coming of our Saviour are most marked, yet they do not stand alone in heralding the coming of that glad day. As we look about us in the world, we see in earth, in sea, in sky; in the social, the political, and in the religious world, the signs of the coming of that great day becoming more and more marked. These things proclaim in trumpet tones, the coming of the Lord draweth nigh, and call upon God's people to prepare to meet their God.

The year 1929 is now in the past; its record is closed. Are the words "Well done" written opposite our names in the heavenly record? Thank God it is not yet too late for us individually to remedy every defect. As we near the end of time doubtless the one thing that will distinguish God's people above all other people in the world will be their perfect unity. The last prayer of the Saviour was: "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me." John 17:21.

In speaking of the experience of the Pentecostal church in the early rain, the servant of the Lord uses this language:

"Under the training of Christ, the disciples had been led to feel their need of the Spirit. Under the Spirit's teaching, they received the final qualifications, and went forth to their life-work. No longer were they ignorant and uncultured. No longer were they a collection of independent units or discordant, conflicting elements. No longer were their hopes set on worldly greatness. They were of 'one accord,' 'of one heart and of one soul.' Christ filled their thoughts; the advancement of His kingdom was their aim. In mind and character they had become like their Master, and men took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus."—*"Acts of the Apostles," p. 45.*

Much is still to be accomplished in our own personal preparation, and in the proclamation of this Message in all the world. The time for its accomplishment is very short. It therefore behooves us to draw nearer to God in whole-hearted devotion, to lengthen our strides and to quicken our pace in the work committed to us.

May this new year, 1930, bring the fulness of spiritual power into our hearts and lives, and may it mark an era of the greatest advancement in the winning of souls for the kingdom that we have ever known.

Balboa, Canal Zone.

## ANTILLIAN UNION MISSION

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A. R. OGDEN . . . . . Superintendent  
N. L. TAYLOR . . . . . Secy.-Treas.**MORE ABOUT THE HURRICANE**

The recent hurricane which swept over Nassau in the Bahama Islands, and which completely destroyed our church building as well as many other churches, took as its toll over one thousand homes. Of these 456 were in utter ruin and 640 other homes were badly damaged. Some lives were also lost.

In one instance one of the city's policeman was in his little home with his wife and baby while the storm was spending its fury upon the place. Finally the walls and roof began to yield before the onslaught of the raging wind. The policeman snatched his child from its mother's arms putting it upon his back, and then taking his wife's arm, he hurried them out of the reeling house into the gale to seek safer shelter. As they stepped outside, the house fell dragging the child from its father's back and crushing the life from its little body. When this home is replaced, perhaps after years of financial struggle, this mother and father will still have to mourn the loss of their little one.

One householder who was forced to take his family from their wrecked shelter during the storm, found that the wind had piled the sea more than waist-deep about his house. It was a harrowing experience as he waded and swam through this water trying to keep his sick wife and children and servants together while the wind seemed bent on separating them. But they soon found shelter, dry clothing, and a comfortable bed for the mother.

It is reported that one family, whose home was near the sea-side was in a quandary when the water came so high they could no longer stay in their house. Outside it was impossible for them to wade. It was most urgent that they abandon the place, but there was no way of escape. While they were turning this over in their minds the storm drove a boat right to their door. In that the family was carried to safety.

The storm continued for three days, which meant that some of the poor people ran short of provisions. One story is told of a man who endeavored to go from one village to another to obtain food for his family and neighbors only to lose his life in the attempt.

The house in which Pastor O. P. Reid and wife and Brother and Sister Haig were living was seriously menaced by the roof of a large church. Part of the large roof had blown off the church, carrying with it the roof of the home of Brother and Sister Hall nearby. Brother Hall sustained slight injuries.

By the time they had sought refuge in Brother Reid's home only a part of the church roof remained, and neighbors expected that at any moment the large roof would fall on Brother Reid's house below. Though the wind had every advantage upon this exposed section, still the roof remained during all those terrible blasts and today it stands a monument of God's protecting care over His people.

HARRY E. BEDDOE.

*Nassau, Bahamas.***OUR WEST INDIAN TRAINING COLLEGE**

Christian education in Jamaica is bearing fruit to the glory of God. The West Indian Training College has shown, during its years of existence, that it surely was planted by God to act as a city of refuge to needy young people in this field.

Before I reached Jamaica, I learned from a stranger on the boat that the college stands high in the minds of leading men of the island. That man mentioned the fact that the college factory made beautiful furniture. We do turn out beautiful mahogany furniture of any design desired, and our sheet metal fac-

holding up the banner of Prince Emmanuel in a wonderful way.

Of the forty-three graduates of the academic and college courses, seven are teaching church schools, seven are connected with the college and doing effective work, three are canvassers, four are in conference employ, four are missionaries, two are self-supporting church leaders, and one has died, and two are continuing in school. Most of the others have found places of useful employment in various walks of life.

In talking to one of the last group, I asked him this question: "Do you count your stay with us as time lost?" He replied: "No. This firm employed me because they knew that I had been to the West Indian Training College."

There are many needs here, but the Lord is blessing and in the day of final reward, I am sure there will be students of this college with souls to present to the King of kings. O. W. TUCKER.

*Mandeville, Jamaica.***OUR EDUCATIONAL WORK IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

This is one country in which education is appreciated to a very high de-



One of our churches in  
Cayman Islands

tory turns out as good guttering work as you will find anywhere. We also make orange rinders, orange oil containers, baking tins, bath tubs, etc. Our bakery has the reputation of furnishing the best bread in Jamaica.

These facts give us courage and strength to press on. But if these were the only products turned out from the college, I should count the work a failure. Sometimes we are inclined to look at this phase of our work, talk about it, and forget the real purpose for which our institutions are established.

I am happy that this college has been able to send forth from the graduating classes, young men and women with well developed characters. Surely, this is the product of which we are most proud. These young people, each of whom has found his niche in life, are

gree; and it makes progress in various ways. This spirit of continual progress and improvement is due to privileges we have enjoyed and also to the schools we have established all over the country.

We have six schools, that under the auspices of our mission, are doing excellent work for the children and youth in six different provinces. These are generally known as "Adventist Schools." The appreciation of these schools is almost general. Even those who are prejudiced against our evangelistic work often speak words of commendation in acknowledgement of the good work that is being rendered with our small and humble equipment.

We cannot neglect our educational work. It may well be said that it is one of the principal factors that God is using for removing the prejudice that

exists in many places against other good work we are doing with the help of God and the help of those who sympathize with us. Through the schools we have opportunity of coming in direct contact with the parents of the children, and in this way we become acquainted with them and they with us.

But the most serious problem that we face is our urgent educational needs. The greater part of the youth in our churches need a complete preparation of hand, mind, and heart, so that they will be able to confront nobly and efficiently the duties of this life and at the same time prepare themselves for eternal life.

It is very evident that the financial situation of many of these young people does not permit them to attend a secondary school outside the country where they can secure such a preparation, and we feel compelled to beg that a good secondary school be established in Santo Domingo. Even though it might be small at first, we could in this way solve the important problem that we are obligated to solve for the benefit of our youth, who constitute the flower of our work. We have to do something that will be effective in preparing the youth. We should remember that they are the inexhaustible fountain of our reserve for the future.

J. A. P. RODRIGUEZ.

Santiago, R. D.

**IT CAN BE DONE!**

In the past we have felt that we could hardly ask a colporteur to come to the Bahamas to work on a self-supporting basis. Our population is small and the majority of the people are very poor. The efforts made to sell books seemed to demonstrate to us that a colporteur could not make it pay.

Recently, however, we were very fortunate in being able to add to our staff of workers Brother and Sister Albert R. Haig of Jamaica. Sister Haig came to teach the Nassau church school. Brother Haig gave up his position as assistant field missionary secretary of the Jamaica Conference, where he was doing splendid work, to answer the call to the Bahamas to do self-supporting book work.

Shortly after their arrival, Nassau was torn by the worst hurricane in its history. Scarcely a person escaped loss. We feared that this would be a great handicap to Brother Haig's line of work. But he was soon on the job again taking orders as though there had been no storm. During the month of October he received orders for more than one thousand dollars' worth of our books! The last two days of the month he made his first big delivery which amounted to something over \$250.00. He did not lose an order!

Yes, it can be done even in the Bahamas.  
HARRY E. BEDDOE.

Nassau, Bahamas.

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**ECHOES FROM THE CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION**

Pastor W. E. Baxter recently visited the division headquarters at Balboa and gave a very interesting chapel talk to the workers. The following are some of the good things he brought to us from the field:

"Today I find throughout our union that everywhere the fields seem white for the harvest. The only thing we lack is workers to answer the calls for help.

"The past few weeks have brought encouraging letters from the different

**Neddy's New Year**

A little form came floating in  
And paused by Neddy's bed;  
'I'm half afraid to speak to you,  
And yet I must,' it said;  
'I'm your New Year—and O, I wish  
I didn't have to be!  
Because I've met outside the door  
Your last Old Year, you see.

'He looked so weak and tired and sad,  
And carried such a pack  
Of angry words and foolish scrapes  
Upon his weary back!  
'Don't, don't go in!' he cried to me;  
'For though you're young and strong,  
That boy will make you just the wreck  
That I am now, ere long!'

'He stumbled on, with sigh and groan,  
I could not take, alas,  
His wise advice, for come I must  
Before the hour should pass.  
But, O, if you would only try  
A different plan with me,  
I'm sure you'd be surprised to find  
How happy we could be!'

Ned blushed; he knew the words were true.  
'"Pll try!" he murmured low;  
And when once Neddy says a thing,  
He means it, too, you know.  
Quarrels and scrapes were put aside,  
The year was free and glad,  
And Ned vowed, "'Twas the happiest year  
A fellow ever had."

—Priscilla Leonard.

missions which I quote in part. Brother McWilliam of Guatemala says:

"Yesterday was a day of joy and gladness for us here. The Lord was very near while four souls were buried in baptism in the morning, and in the afternoon we were all blessed as we celebrated the ordinance of humility and the Lord's supper. The work here is going forward. One hundred souls in a church well organized and in their own building for 1930 will not be a goal too high for this place.

"The colporteur work is still going forward even though the crops have failed and the rail-

road has been interrupted. Brother Samayoa and two other colporteurs received more than 100 paid subscriptions for the *Centinela* in two weeks. Two of our colporteurs hope to make scholarships and we hope to see these two young men in our union school next year."

"Brother Lusk of the Salvador Mission writes that up to date they have baptized 34 and that they expect to reach their goal of 50 baptized before the close of 1929. At the time he wrote he expected to leave in a few days for La Unión where quite a company were waiting for baptism. He also tells of some young people who are planning on attending our school in San José.

"Brother Lorntz from Honduras has the following report for us:

"Today, October 12, the day Columbus discovered America, seven precious souls were baptized here in Trujillo, said to be the oldest city of the Americas, and the first place where Columbus had mass read. Together with the two persons previously baptized this makes nine in all. There is a future before the work in this place."

"Brother Ellis P. Howard of Nicaragua writes:

"Just returned from Corn Island. We had some wonderful meetings there and several more persons have taken their stand for the truth. I baptized three there.

"In Jinotepe an Italian man and his wife have decided to obey the truth. He is the owner of several small gold mines. Before the revolution he realized several thousand dollars from these mines, and he probably will again. His home is open to us, and we hold our meetings in his house each week or every two weeks. A score or more there, are interested in the truth. Many of them are from wealthy homes. One of these is a young man who is well educated and who speaks both English and Spanish. He is a receiver in the National Bank of Nicaragua. His wife is also interested in the truth."

"The work is also moving along encouragingly in Costa Rica and Panama. Recently Brother Sutton has baptized five on the east coast of Costa Rica, and he reports a large baptismal class in each of the three English churches. Just a few weeks ago it was my privilege to baptize eleven new members into the Spanish church in Panama city. The members of this church are very active and enthusiastic in their home missionary work.

"Surely the Lord is doing great things for us in this union, and we greatly rejoice in the progress of the work throughout the field."

**SAN ANTONIO GIVES PLACE TO THE LAW OF GOD**

About a year ago Brother Juan Hernandez came in contact with Abel Revelo, whose business is buying and selling various kinds of grains and sugar. Mr. Revelo was a Catholic, and had no intentions of attending a Protestant meeting, but he had a friend who was an Adventist. This friend, Brother Carlos Merino, had invited him several times to visit the chapel with him, but

Mr. Revelo did not care to do so, and always offered some excuse for not going. One evening Brother Merino invited his friend to go with him to visit another friend. He took him to Brother Hernandez's house. Brother Hernandez was our native worker in that place. After conversing on topics of general interest, the conversation turned to religion. Nothing was said to arouse prejudice. Mr. Revelo was favorably impressed, and the next time that Brother Merino invited him to attend a meeting, he accepted the invitation. His interest grew rapidly, and as he was of the Berean type, that studies diligently, he soon was ready for baptism.

But there is another interesting phase of his experience, for he, like Andrew and Philip, began immediately to work for his relatives. His business was in Santa Ana, about fifty miles from San Salvador where his wife and family live. She helps him buy here when the products are cheaper here. He realized immediately that if he was going to keep the Sabbath properly, he should not have his wife doing business for him in another place on that day. But she, too, was a very ardent Catholic, as well as an enterprising business woman, and did not like the idea of losing that day. Brother Revelo began to pray earnestly that his family might see the same glorious light that he had seen.

Shortly after that, Brother Hernandez passed through San Salvador on his way to Nicaragua, where he is laboring now. Complying with the invitation of Brother Revelo, Brother Hernandez called on the wife and invited her to visit the church here. She came and was favorably impressed. Brother Hasbun, who is our secretary-treasurer, and also elder of the church in San Salvador, continued to visit the family and give them Bible readings. Like her husband, she studied diligently, and within three months from the time she first visited the chapel here, I had the privilege of baptizing Brother and Sister Revelo together here in San Salvador.

It often occurs that the enemy keeps his hardest temptations in reserve until after an individual is baptized, as he did with Christ. That seemed to be his tactics with the Revelo family. Soon after their baptism, Sister Revelo became quite ill with influenza; then her married daughter and her children, who live in an adjoining house came down with the same trouble. The son-in-law, who is the business manager of the large Rosales Hospital, followed suit. Knowing that our system of hydrotherapy is so much better for curing the influenza than the drugs that are commonly used, I was very anxious to go and give them some treatments, but we were in the midst of a series of meetings here in the city, and I also was having a hard bat-

tle to keep from succumbing to influenza. Speaking every night, I had all I could do.

One afternoon I received word from Sister Revelo that Eduardo, her twenty-two-year-old son, and Petrona, the servant girl, were both coming down with high fevers. Mrs. Lusk and I gathered our fomentation cloths, a kerosene can, and our little kerosene stove and put them in our car and drove over to see what could be done. When we drove up in front of their house and called at the door, Sister Revelo's mother met us in the doorway of the little store which they had in the front room. She

der the doctor's care and getting along as well as could be expected.

Before Brother and Sister Revelo were baptized, I had called their attention to the fact that they should take down a large picture of San Antonio which they had in the house and which they had formerly worshipped. I asked them if they would not give me the picture as a souvenir. Of course they were glad to do so; and so Sister Revelo sent out and had it brought into the room where she and Mrs. Lusk were waiting for me while I was treating Eduardo. When her mother came in and saw "San Antonio" sitting there on the floor, she began to scold her daughter, and rushed over to the picture and carried it out, crying in a loud voice, "*Mi pobre San Antonio, mi pobre San Antonio.*" ("My poor San Antonio.")

Needless to say, we did not take "San Antonio" with us that day, but a few days later Sister Revelo sent it over to us. I did not know when it came, and when I entered the room and saw the beautiful frame which "San Antonio" occupied, behind a glass, the first thought that came to me was to take him out and put in his place a large chart of the law of God in Spanish.

The same afternoon that Sister Revelo sent "San Antonio" to our house I went to visit Eduardo. I read some Psalms and had prayer with him. His grandmother was in the adjoining room making fun of the reading and prayer. But when the vindication of His name is at stake, the Lord does great things for us if we ask Him. Although it was not time that they expected the fever to break, from that moment he never had another rise of temperature. Within three days, he was up, and within two weeks from the time he became sick, he was able to attend our church picnic.

But returning to San Antonio's picture. My idea of putting the law of God into the frame was put into effect, and I took it back the next day and presented it to Brother and Sister Revelo. After I was gone Sister Revelo called her mother and read the law of God to her, saying: "Mother, that is the law by which we are to be judged." The mother became interested, and before leaving San Salvador for her home in another town she asked for literature. When she came back and visited her daughter a few months later, she was greatly changed. What "San Antonio" had not been able to do for her in the many years that he had been hanging there on the wall, the law of God did in a few moments—it had touched her heart.

Eduardo had been keeping the Sabbath for a little while before he became sick. He continued faithful, attended the colporteur's institute, was baptized at the close of the institute; and he and another young man, Fernando Vanegas,

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### The Trials of Life

Life is not entirely made up of great evils or heavy trials, but the perpetual recurrence of petty evils and small trials in the ordinary and appointed exercises of the Christian graces.

To bear with the failings of those about us—with their infirmities, their bad judgment, their ill-breeding, their perverse tempers; to endure neglect when we feel we deserve attention, and ingratitude when we expect thanks; to bear with the company of disagreeable people whom Providence has placed in our way, and whom He has provided, or purposed for the trial of our virtue; these are best exercises of patience and self-denial, and the latter because not chosen ourselves.

To bear with vexation in business, with disappointments in our expectation, with interruptions of our retirement, with folly, instruction, disturbance—in short, with whatever opposes our will, contradicts our humor—this habitual acquiescence appears to be more of the essence of self-denial than any little rigors or inflictions of our own imposing.—*Hannah Moore.*

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was what the people here call a *Beata*, or a woman who spends most of her time in the Catholic church, praying and taking care of the church and the priests. She too, was suffering from a felon or something similar on her finger. I already knew something about her religious inclinations, for when Brother Hasbun had tried to talk to her about the Bible, and offered to show her what the Catholic Bible says she just pushed it away and did not want to see nor hear. Of course she believed, and told her daughter so too, that all their sickness was the result of their having left the Catholic church.

The Lord blessed the treatments. After she had had her footbath and a good massage to her back, Sister Revelo said that she did not feel any more pain. Then I went to the other room and took care of Eduardo and Petrona with footbaths, fomentations, hot lemonades, etc. The two-year old baby had a bad cough, and we made a heating compress for him and put it on. The treatments had the desired effect on everyone except Eduardo, who, it developed later, was coming down with typhoid fever. I was unable to visit him for several days, but he was un-

who was baptized at the same time, are selling "Ministry of Healing" here in San Salvador, earning scholarships to go to the Academia Adventista in Costa Rica. His mother was just elected treasurer of the church in San Salvador.

The two daughters of the family, Maria and Concepción, have been attending the meetings part of the time. They were present the Sabbath that we celebrated the day of prayer and fasting, and when the call was made, they came forward indicating their desire to obey the Lord and join the church. Concepción's husband is convinced and hopes to obey later.

It may be of interest to those who read in a former issue of the MESSENGER of the attack which was made on the hall where we were holding meetings in Santa Tecla to know that Brother Revelo is a cousin of the priest who made us so much trouble there. The Lord is calling His people, out of Babylon. Among the educated class of people, and even among the most fanatical families, there are souls waiting for us to carry the Message to them. If we only had more competent workers we could reach many of that class of people. At present we are the only foreign Seventh-day Adventist family in a country of nearly a million and a half inhabitants. We have a constituency of about two hundred and thirty members, but it could readily be doubled if we had the workers with the proper training and education.

WALLACE A. LUSK.

San Salvador, Salvador.

**A WILDERNESS BAPTISM**

Since the readers of the MESSENGER are already a little acquainted with our new Sabbath school at Escondido, Panama, I feel sure a few words about my second visit there will be welcomed.

It was Sunday morning, October 27, I arrived in time to hear the music of voices and to find fifty or more persons grouped on both sides of the little stream that glides by the meeting house. Pastor Grizzle from Panama City was present and had already spoken to those gathered on the importance of baptism. A solemn joy seems to pervade such a scene that common words fail to express. The music of voices singing sacred words of praise filled the unbroken quietness of nature while six consecrated souls testified to their faith in Jesus by following His example in being baptized.

The Spirit of God truly was in our midst, and a little friend, a child who is not an Adventist, remarked later as we were going home, "Their faces looked so serene and peaceful." I tried to explain to her that after baptism the heart feels just as the face looks,—ready to meet anything in the strength of Jesus.

Is not this a fine report from such a new company? Their little Sabbath

school was organized just about four months ago and since then Brother Chapman has faithfully broken the bread of life there every Sabbath. And now this little company in the wilderness,—for there is no means of reaching it except by row-boat or foot-path,—has converted its little stream into a veritable Jordan, adding six new members to the family of God. We welcome them and pray that they in turn may bring others to the wonderful knowledge of Christ.

VIOLA E. COOKE.

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**ATLANTIC COLOMBIA**

November 21, the church school in Barranquilla closed its year's work with appropriate exercises. The larger part of the students are not Adventists, but they enjoy the Bible classes, which are given just as they would be in any church school. Sister Victoria Dávila and Carmen Redondo were the teachers.

I recently visited the new companies



Brother Trummer giving Bible studies to one of the interested groups he found recently in the district where he was mobbed a few months ago

in Ciénaga and Aracataca. In the former I found new persons attending, and heard of others who were interested. The Sabbath of my visit 24 were present, all but two of which will be regular attendants. Brother Castro in Aracataca told me their school now has 17 members. They have a company treasurer, and are already sending tithes

and offerings. Brother Castro is a self-supporting worker, who brings people firmly into the full truth wherever he goes to live.

Brother Moisés Valdés writes that he has visited the new believers in El Carmen, and that he organized a Sabbath school of 12 members there, with a good number of others interested. He says his meetings caused a great stir in the town, and that most people said it was the truth. He believes that the work will prove as fruitful as in Sincelejo.

In spite of the terrible financial crises, we feel sure that we shall reach our Harvest Ingathering goal of \$500. Brother Redondo was delayed in reaching his field for this work, but is now in Cartagena, and doubtless will secure enough there to complete our amount.

E. W. THURBER.

Barranquilla, Colombia.

**VENEZUELA**

Sister R. E. Greenidge writing from Camaguan, Venezuela says:

"We are glad to report that the work here is marching along as well as could be expected. And thank God we are keeping well. Yes, Luis is here and is a great help to us. I do not see how we could have finished this school year without some additional help. I can assure you it is not easy to teach seven grades and some days have 63 children present, besides the many other things to look after. But we do not complain for God is helping us wonderfully."

Luis, of whom Sister Greenidge speaks, is the son of Brother and Sister Greenidge who graduated from the West Caribbean Training School last year. We are glad that Luis is filling a place of usefulness in that great, needy field.

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**OUR WORK IN MARTINIQUE**

In September I went to Saint-Pierre with the object of holding an evangelistic effort. A hall with a monthly rental of 400 francs was placed at my disposal free of charge for one week. The first two meetings were well attended and the people manifested great interest. Just then Mt. Pelee threatened a volcanic eruption and the people, in cars and on foot, fled from the city in great terror. After several days they returned and I resumed the meetings. I worked publicly and from house to house. A great interest was aroused. But again Mt. Pelee threatened destruction to its surroundings and made necessary evacuation of the volcanic zone. However, in spite of these serious interruptions, five persons have accepted the truth. Recently seven persons from the baptismal classes in Saint Pierre, Fort-de-France and Trinite were buried with their Lord

in baptism in the presence of hundreds of witnesses.

Our believers in Martinique manifest a good missionary spirit. The Lord is blessing their efforts and we hope for an abundant harvest of souls on this island. Pray for us.

M. NORD ISAAC.

Fort-de-France, Martinique.

### CARIBBEAN TRAINING COLLEGE

School opened in October and the attendance is very good. At present ten students are taking the normal course. We have a very enthusiastic algebra class and an equally enthusiastic ninth grade English class.

We have completed the installation of the lighting system and the students are all rejoicing over this additional improvement. A Chinese shop in Maracas wants to run a wire up to our plant and get light. Others have expressed a similar wish but this would require a much larger plant than we have.

We have three industries for our older students, printing, carpentry and sewing. Our tailoring department has made ten coats and fifty-one pairs of pants. Our sewing department has been busy making shirts, uniforms and other clothing, while the shoe department has on its list of accomplishments 100 pairs of shoes that have been made out of old tires, several pairs of leather shoes, and a large amount of repair work.

The new bakery will soon begin to function, and already we have some prospective customers.

MRS. R. S. J. HAMILTON.

St. Joseph, Trinidad.

### AMONG THE ISLES OF THE SEA

Words of cheer come to our office from all over the field. Our Big Week reports promise to be the largest we have ever received in the conference, and we hope to reach \$1,000.00 for Harvest Ingathering. Our workers are having good success everywhere.

Just recently Brethren Davis and Thompson from the Caribbean Training College joined our force of workers, and they are doing splendidly. Brother Davis is located on St. Kitts and Brother Thompson on the island of Dominica.

Our work on the island of Dominica is yet small, but Brother Thompson is doing all he can to interest the people by visiting them in their homes, and by selling them Bibles and small books.

Brother Davis who is working on the island of St. Kitts reports much interest there. He has an attendance of about 150 at his meetings, and he is planning to organize a Sabbath school just as soon as he can present the Sabbath question.

Brother Van Putten is laboring untir-

ingly in St. Johns, Antigua, and from all prospects we will reap a large harvest of souls as a result of his efforts there.

Our headquarters are now located on the island of St. Lucia and the prospects for the future of the work are very encouraging. Some years ago an unknown coplorteur sold some books in a little town about twenty-five miles from our headquarters and about a year ago 40 people began to keep the Sabbath of their own accord. Although no worker has visited them during last year, they have the lumber ready for a church building, and I am trying to get a lot from the government to build upon. The administrator was very nice to me and gave me permission to preach. He said he knew about our work and our people in Jamaica.

Pray for us, brethren, that a large harvest may be our reward.

Castries, St. Lucia. J. M. COLE.

### COME IN NEW YEAR!

Come in, New Year, come in, come in,  
As I bid good-bye to your brother.  
I have many plans for you and me  
While we shall be together.

Your brother was very kind to me;  
But I sadly to him confessed  
That I hadn't always treated him  
As I should treat a guest.

So we tried to bury together  
My unkind words and deeds;  
And he urged me to live henceforth  
In harmony with my "creed."

That's what I mean to do, New Year;  
But the tempter's on my trail,  
Ever trying to turn me aside  
Just enough—to fail.

We cannot meet him alone, New Year;  
No, no, not you and I;  
We're sure—yes sure—to fail, New Year  
If alone the task we try.

But I'll keep my hand in the Master's.  
He has overcome the foe;  
Thus safely on through changing scenes,  
Friend, you and I can go.

And thus I hope till Jesus comes  
To triumph through His grace,—  
To reflect His life to others  
Till I see Him face to face.

### MEXICAN UNION MISSION

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### MEXICO

Pastor C. E. Moon in a personal letter wrote:

"A very interesting incident was told last night at prayer-meeting. Brother Villagracia was canvassing the municipal secretary in ——. The secretary, when he knew that his caller was a book-agent, was very cool, and went on about his business. As the secretary was standing near a window reading a letter, Brother Villagracia sent up a silent prayer to heaven. The secretary

came over to him and said: 'You people make me tired. Now sit down here and I will tell you something of the real conditions in the world.' He then said that he had a dream and in his dream he saw a book that told of the condition of the world and the coming of Christ. At once Brother Villagracia took out the little book in Spanish, '¿Qué Vendrá Luego?' The man was overjoyed to see the book that he had dreamed of or at least it was about the same thing. He embraced our brother in gratitude and has become interested in the truth."

## WITH OUR DEPARTMENTS

### ASSIGNMENTS FROM "THE SOUL-WINNING SABBATH SCHOOL"

#### Chapter 8: "The Sabbath School Teacher"

1. Explain this sentence: "The teacher makes the Sabbath school."

2. Who is a dangerous teacher? What qualifications will a true teacher possess? What really gives origin to the many excuses offered for not becoming a teacher? What dividends does service in the Sabbath school pay?

3. What lesson is there for Sabbath school workers in the fable of the north wind and the sun? What are two teaching extremes to be avoided? What should a teacher understand concerning his pupils?

4. What custom relating to our Bibles was much more prevalent years ago than at present? What can the teacher do to correct the present tendency?

5. Revise this statement: "Talking is teaching." What on the part of the teacher reminds one of a well, pumped dry? How may the necessity for such be overcome?

6. What are the advantages of a lesson plan? Outline one.

7. By what means may small children be kept interested in their lessons? What are the characteristics of good questions? What are some of the "cautions" to be observed in asking questions?

#### Chapter 9: "Soul Winning"

1. What conviction gave rise to the Sabbath school idea? Why is the Sabbath school like a recruiting station? Who must do the enlisting? How?

2. Who is compared to a farmer who plants but fails to reap? When only has a teacher done his full duty?

3. What are the chief processes in the work of soul saving?

4. What is our Saviour's attitude toward the conversion of children? After conversion, what can be done to help one? Of what should we be certain before a child is baptized?

### CHRISTIAN HOME PROBLEMS

#### Good Health

1. What important wish (prayer, margin) is expressed by the apostle concerning Gaius? 3 John 2.

2. Why is it necessary to preserve the body in health? Rom. 12:1.
3. When one is truly sanctified, how much of him will be affected? 1 Thess. 3:23.
4. How did the apostle guard himself? 1 Cor. 9:27.
5. Is it expedient to eat everything that it is lawful to eat? 1 Cor. 10:23.
6. Is God's glory to be considered even in one's eating? 1 Cor. 10:31.
7. What are our bodies said to be? 1 Cor. 6:19.
8. What is the Christian's duty concerning his body in view of the fact that the Spirit of God has taken possession of it? 1 Cor. 6:20.
9. What does the apostle say God will do to those who defile or mar this temple of His—the human body? 1 Cor. 3:17.
10. Can the body be defiled with improper food or drink? Dan. 1: 8.
11. What was originally given for man's diet? Gen. 1:29.
12. What sort of food did Daniel desire? Dan. 1:12.

7. What will be His appearance? Rev. 14:14.
8. How many will see Him? Rev. 1:7.
9. What will be the manner of Christ's return? Ps. 50:3; Matt. 24:27, 30, 31; 25:31.
10. How many angels are there? Rev. 5:11.
11. What has been the effect upon human beings of the appearance of an angel? Matt. 28: 2, 3; Dan. 10:5-7.
12. How will Christ's coming affect the

- wicked? Rev. 6:15-17.
13. What will be the attitude of the righteous? Isa. 25:9; 1 John 2:28.
  14. How may we be prepared to meet Him in peace? Luke 21:34-36; 1 John 3:2, 3.

**LIST OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN INTER-AMERICA**

**Name of School**

1. Colegio Adventista
2. Caribbean Training College
3. West Caribbean Training School
4. West Indian Training College
5. Academia Adventista Centro-Americana

**Principal**

1. J. D. Livingston
2. L. H. Gardiner
3. C. L. Stone
4. O. W. Tucker
5. W. H. Wineland

**Location**

1. Bartle, Cuba.
2. St. Joseph, Trinidad.
3. Las Cascadas, C. Z.
4. Mandeville, Jamaica.
5. San José, Costa Rica.

Aside from the schools listed above, we have a number of elementary schools, doing excellent work in different parts of the division. You have heard of the splendid work done by Brother and Sister Greenidge in their school over in Camaguan, Venezuela. Hundreds of young people have been helped by that institution. Then we have a school in Barranquilla, one on the Mosquito coast of Nicaragua, two up on the coast of Honduras, some on the isthmus and two in the interior of Panama, of which you have learned something through the columns of this paper. And we thank God that still others are doing the same good work for our boys and girls in other places, but with our gratitude goes the cry for more of these training centers for our children.



Carlos Rafael Plata of Bogotá, Colombia, four years old, repeating the memory verses for the entire quarter on the thirteenth Sabbath

**OUR HOME WORKERS' CORNER**

**The Second Coming of Christ**

1. Does the Bible say positively that Jesus will appear the second time? Heb. 9:28.  
*Note:* The second coming of Christ is referred to 380 times in the New Testament.
2. Did Christ promise to come again? John 14:1-3.
3. Did Jesus go away? Acts 1:1, 2. Where to? Heb. 9:24. When did He go? Acts 1:3. How did He go? Acts 1:9.
4. Did He ascend with the same body that was laid in the tomb? John 2:19, 20, 21; Luke 24:36, 42, 50, 51.
5. Will this same Jesus return? Acts 1:9-11.
6. Why is He to come again? John 14:3; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Matt. 16:27.

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\*Educational Secretary: W. L. Adams.

### SIGNS OF THE TIMES

William Howard Taft, former President of the United States and now Chief Justice of the Supreme Court there, in writing of the modern system of education says:

"The students do not seem to appreciate at all the great chance for education that is given them; but instead are carried away by the lure of college athletics and other 'extra-curricula' activities. Today the emphasis in college life is radically and fundamentally wrong. My deep concern is the danger that in the student's mind a college education no longer means scholarship. In his conception it means success and attainment in other things, mainly athletics and the social side of the student life.

"After all, what is the true purpose of education? I take it that it is the preparation of the student for the duties of life, of citizenship. This seems to be forgotten in the modern college."—*The Reader's Digest*, December, 1929.

When in the colleges and the "great universities, pleasure—athletics and the social side of life"—is made the chief object of education, and scholarship has assumed "a secondary place," we know the time has come, when men are "lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God," and that this constitutes one of the many unfailling signs of the approaching end.

Then to contemplate the scientific methods now being devised for the destruction of human life and property; to think of the deadly implements to be employed in warfare, and that can be turned out in mass production, supplying armies almost overnight; to think of the laboratories where the death dealing gases, the infernal bombs, shells, and torpedoes or other agencies of destruction are being prepared,—this is truly horrifying. The very knowledge, the inventive genius, that God has given to man and that He intended should be an unmixed blessing to the world is being perverted, and, to a large degree, is being employed to create instruments of destruction rather than wholly of construction and conservation of life that is entirely the gift of God.

An article appearing in the December number of *The Reader's Digest*, says:

"Guns varying in diameter of bore from one-third inch to 16 inches; ammunition with projectiles and fuses so sensitive as to explode upon impact with the fabric of a dirigible, or so inert as to penetrate heavy ship armor and then explode; powder that will explode in a gun without showing any flash at the muzzle; bombs varying from a few pounds to two tons and so designed as to explode when they strike water, land, houses or ships, as the special need requires; gases that make you sneeze, laugh, cry, blister, or die; tanks that need no roads, can bowl over trees, some that can even swim; and finally, aircraft with their tremendous possibilities. Each man is turned into a killing machine, ten times more deadly than any private has ever been before, firing 100 shots a minute. One of the perfected tanks, with its greater speed, power, and endurance, will do the work of 80 tanks in the great war."

Surely such a perversion of God's gracious gifts to man is the work of demons and is designed by the evil one to

prepare the world for the final struggle, for complete dominion over the earth. Beyond all controversy "*perilous times*" have come, and the "*last days*" are upon us.

E. E. ANDROSS.

Balboa, Canal Zone.

### "LAYMEN APOSTLES!"

Recently I received a letter from one of our division home missionary secretaries, who had just purchased a small Catholic booklet which made special reference to our laity, a statement of which appears in his letter. The booklet is entitled, "Laienspostel," meaning "Laymen Apostles." The writer, a Catholic priest, has this to say of our work:

"If we consider the gigantic energy of this sect, their willingness to sacrifice, and the apostolic spirit of all their lay-members, then one begins to comprehend why they have such tremendous success. Their laymen apostles are trained in a most efficient manner. They all consider the entire world as their mission field. They are tireless in their activities. They go from house to house; they pass nobody by. All their members utilize every opportunity to make propaganda for their cause."

E. F. HACKMAN.

Washington, D. C.

### THE LAST HOUR

Come, church of God, you must awake;  
With one accord new courage take.  
Go sound the trumpet in every land;  
Calling God's people to take their stand,  
And seek the Holy Ghost for power  
If you would pass the world's last hour.

Oh! come before it is too late,  
Let everyone reconsecrate.  
Help snatch the brands from out the fire,  
And youth from the world's sin and mire.  
The Holy Ghost will give you power,  
For the clock points to the last hour.

Why will you still your slumber keep?  
Let Satan such a harvest reap?  
If you would stand on the sea of glass,  
Work now for the hour does swiftly pass.  
So seek the Holy Ghost for power—  
The clock is striking the last hour.

You may try but you'll not succeed;  
The Holy Ghost's the power you need.  
And sad, ah! sad will be your fate  
If you seek the power when it's too late.  
Dark shadows gather round our head,  
Night hastens, day has nearly fled.

—Mrs. H. P. Vaughan.

### HERE AND THERE

For several years Inter-America has been greatly in need of an educational secretary. We are very happy that this need has now been supplied in the coming of Professor W. L. Adams. Brother and Sister Adams and Ralph, their son, arrived in Balboa December 6. We ex-

tend to them a very hearty welcome and pray that they may greatly enjoy their work in this needy field and be granted health and wisdom for their heavy responsibilities.

After several years of faithful service in connection with the Pacific Press at Cristobal, Canal Zone, Brother and Sister J. A. Leland, Jr., sailed for California, where Brother Leland will connect with the main office of the Pacific Press at Mountain View. These young people will be greatly missed in the Zone; but we wish them heaven's choicest blessings as they enter upon their new duties.

And the boat that carried Brother and Sister Leland away brought Brother and Sister Donald Cone to connect with the Pacific Press in the Zone. We welcome these young workers to Inter-America.

On December 28 Pastor C. K. Meyers, associate secretary of the General Conference, sailed from New York to visit the Colombia-Venezuela Union. About the same time Brother J. C. Thompson, associate secretary of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, sailed for a tour through the Central American Union. We feel confident that our people will greatly enjoy having these brethren spend some time in their fields.

Encouraging reports are being received from various parts of the division, and our hearts are cheered as we see the progress throughout the fields. Your prayers in behalf of some who have been ill are also being answered. Let us pray for one another as never before this year.

### Obituary

Celopatra, wife of Brother C. A. Blackman, died at Buxton, British Guiana, October 20, 1929, age 30 years. Brother Blackman had been called recently to engage in an evangelistic effort with the writer, and Sister Blackman, in full sympathy with him in his work, cooperated as she could. The five small children do not as yet sense their loss. Brother Blackman is sustained by the promise of God. A large company of neighbors and acquaintances testified of their sympathy for the bereaved. C. E. KNIGHT.  
*Georgetown, British Guiana.*

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