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Amid the reeling of the earth, the flash of lightning, and the roar of thunder, the voice of the Son of God calls forth the sleeping saints. He looks upon the graves of the righteous, then raising His hands to heaven He cries, "Awake, awake, ye that sleep in the dust, and arise!" Throughout the length and breadth of the earth, the dead shall hear that voice; and they that hear shall live. And the whole earth shall ring with the tread of the exceeding great army of every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. From the prison-house of death they come, clothed with immortal glory, crying, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" And the living righteous and the risen saints unite their voices in a long, glad shout of victory.

All come forth from their graves the same in stature as when they entered the tomb. Adam, who stands among the risen throng, is of lofty height and majestic form, in stature but little below the Son of God. He presents a marked contrast to the people of later generations; in this one respect is shown the great degeneracy of the race. But all arise with the freshness and vigor of eternal youth. In the beginning, man was created in the likeness of God, not only in character, but in form and feature. Sin defaced and almost obliterated the divine image; but Christ came to restore that which had been lost. He will change our vile bodies, and fashion them like unto His glorious body. The mortal, corruptible form, devoid of comeliness, once polluted with sin, becomes perfect, beautiful, and immortal. All blemishes and deformities are left in the grave. Restored to the tree of life in the long-lost Eden, the redeemed will "grow up" to the full stature of the race in its primeval glory. The last lingering traces of the curse of sin will be removed, and Christ's faithful ones will appear "in the beauty of the Lord our God," in mind and soul and body reflecting the perfect image of their Lord. Oh, wonderful redemption! long talked of, long hoped for, contemplated with eager anticipation, but never fully understood.

The living righteous are changed "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." At the voice of God they were glorified; now they are made immortal, and with the risen saints are caught up to meet their Lord in the air. Angels "gather together the elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Little children are borne by holy angels to their mothers' arms. Friends long separated by death are united, nevermore to part, and with songs of gladness ascend together to the city of God.

On each side of the cloudy chariot are wings, and beneath it are living wheels; and as the chariot rolls upward, the wheels cry, "Holy," and the wings, as they move, cry, "Holy," and the retinue of angels cry, "Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty." And the redeemed shout "Alleluia!" as the chariot moves onward toward the New Jerusalem.

Before entering the city of God, the Saviour bestows upon His followers the emblems of victory, and invests them with the insignia of their royal state. The glittering ranks are drawn up, in the form of a hollow square, about their King, whose form rises in majesty high above saint and angel, whose countenance beams upon them full of benignant love. Throughout the unnumbered host of the redeemed, every glance is fixed upon Him, every eye beholds His glory whose "visage was so marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men." Upon the heads of the overcomers, Jesus with His own right hand places the crown of glory. For each there is a crown, bearing his own "new name," and the inscription, "Holiness to the Lord." In every hand are placed the victor's palm and the shining harp. Then, as the commanding angels strike the note, every hand sweeps the harp strings with skilful touch, awaking sweet music in rich, melodious strains. Rapture unutterable thrills every heart, and each voice is raised in grateful praise: "Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever."

Before the ransomed throng is the holy city. Jesus opens wide the pearly gates, and the nations that have kept the truth enter in. There they behold the Paradise of God, the home of Adam in his innocence. Then that voice, richer than any music that ever fell on mortal ear, is heard, saying, "Your conflict is ended." "Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Now is fulfilled the Saviour's prayer for His disciples, "I will that they also whom Thou hast given Me be with Me where I am." "Faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy," Christ presents to the Father the purchase of His blood, declaring, "Here am I, and the children whom Thou hast given Me." "Those that Thou gavest Me I have kept." Oh, the wonders of redeeming love! the rapture of that hour when the infinite Father, looking upon the ransomed, shall behold His image, sin's discord banished, its blight removed, and the human once more in harmony with the divine!

With unutterable love, Jesus welcomes His faithful ones to the "joy of their Lord." The Saviour's joy is in seeing, in the kingdom of glory, the souls that have been saved by His agony and humiliation. And the redeemed will be sharers in His joy, as they behold, among the blessed, those who have been won to Christ through their prayers, their labors, and their loving sacrifice. As they gather about the great white throne, gladness unspeakable will fill their hearts, when they behold those whom they have won for Christ, and see that one has gained others, and these still others, all brought into the haven of rest, there to lay their crowns at Jesus' feet, and praise Him through the endless cycles of eternity.

As the ransomed ones are welcomed to the city of God, there rings out upon the air an exultant cry of adoration. The two Adams are about to meet. The Son of God is standing with outstretched arms to receive the father of our race,—the being whom He created, who sinned against his Maker, and for whose

sin the marks of the crucifixion are borne upon the Saviour's form. As Adam discerns the prints of the cruel nails, he does not fall upon the bosom of his Lord, but in humiliation casts himself at His feet, crying, "Worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain!" Tenderly the Saviour lifts him up, and bids him look once more upon the Eden home from which he has so long been exiled.

After his expulsion from Eden, Adam's life on earth was filled with sorrow. Every dying leaf, every victim of sacrifice, every blight upon the fair face of nature, every stain upon man's purity, was a fresh reminder of his sin. Terrible was the agony as he beheld iniquity abounding, and in answer to his warnings, met the reproaches cast upon himself as the cause of sin. With patient humility he bore, for nearly a thousand years, the penalty of transgression. Faithfully did he repent of his sin, and trust in the merits of the promised Saviour, and he died in the hope of a resurrection. The Son of God redeemed man's failure and fall; and now, through the work of the atonement, Adam is reinstated in his first dominion.

Transported with joy, he beholds the trees that were once his delight,—the very trees whose fruit he himself had gathered in the days of his innocence and joy. He sees the vines that his own hands have trained, the very flowers that he once loved to care for. His mind grasps the reality of the scene; he comprehends that this is indeed Eden restored, more lovely now than when he was banished from it. The Saviour leads him to the tree of life, and plucks the glorious fruit, and bids him eat. He looks about him, and beholds a multitude of his family redeemed, standing in the Paradise of God. Then he casts his glittering crown at the feet of Jesus, and falling upon His breast, embraces the Redeemer. He touches the golden harp, and the vaults of heaven echo the triumphant song, "Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and lives again!" The family of Adam take up the strain, and cast their crowns at the Saviour's feet as they bow before Him in adoration.

This reunion is witnessed by the angels who wept at the fall of Adam, and rejoiced when Jesus, after His resurrection, ascended to heaven, having opened the grave for all who should believe on His name. Now they behold the work of redemption accomplished, and they unite their voices in the song of praise.—"*Great Controversy*," pp. 644-648.

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"Jesus says in Matthew 11, 'Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' He does not say 'I am willing to explain to you, if you come to Me, why this affliction has been laid upon you.' No, He does not say that. But He says, 'If you come you will receive rest.'"—*E. Kots.*

The Shepherd's Care for His Sheep

The Apostolic church, so richly endowed with the Holy Spirit, was thereby not exempt from temptation. The very fact that they were so aggressive in their warfare against sin and were so successful in turning many to righteousness aroused against them the wrath of satanic agencies, and subjected them to the fiercest assaults of the enemy. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the epistles we read the thrilling story of their trials and triumphs, and of the unremitting labors of the divinely appointed shepherds of the flock of God.

"Enfeebled and defective, needing constantly to be warned and counseled, the church is nevertheless the object of Christ's supreme regard." "Nothing else in the world is so dear to God as His church. Nothing is guarded by Him with such jealous care."—"*Testimonies*," Vol. VII, p. 16 and Vol. VI, p. 42.

"Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write: These things saith He that holdeth the seven stars in His right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks." "The seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches." Rev. 2:1; 1:20.

"Christ is spoken of as walking in the midst of the golden candlesticks. Thus is symbolized His relation to the churches. He is in constant communication with His people. He knows their true state. He observes their order, their piety, their devotion. Although He is high priest and mediator in the sanctuary above, yet He is represented as walking up and down in the midst of His churches on the earth. With untiring wakefulness and unremitting vigilance, He watches to see whether the light of any of His sentinels is burning dim, or going out. If the candlesticks were left to mere human care, the flickering flame would languish and die; but He is the true watchman in the Lord's house, and true warden of the temple courts. His continued care and sustaining grace are the source of life and light.

"Christ is represented as holding the seven stars in His right hand. This assures us that no church faithful to its trust need fear coming to naught; for not a star that has the protection of Omnipotence can be plucked out of the hand of Christ."—"*Acts of Apostles*," p. 586.

Another has truthfully said: "The church is the center round which all the affairs of the world revolve." To make possible the salvation of all who would acknowledge Him as their sovereign Lord, Jesus freely gave His life; and, that this holy company of the redeemed—His church—may be with Him forever more, He will come again to earth in glory and power to receive them to

Himself. How important, therefore, that every effort be put forth to keep each member lest he fall, and to present the church "faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy." Jude 24. "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For ye are our glory and joy." 1 Thess. 2:19, 20.

Every member of the church on earth is compassed with infirmity. "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust." Psalm 103:13, 14. With what tender compassion and fond solicitude should we, who have ourselves often had to "bow and weep at the feet of Jesus, because of our shortcomings and mistakes," deal with those who are erring. And yet how rarely is this spirit revealed in our dealings with our brethren.

The care of the heavenly Shepherd for the sheep of His pasture is set forth in these words: "The good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep." John 10:11; and, again in the beautiful parable of of the Lost Sheep, Luke 15:4-7. How many there are especially of our young people, who once were within the fold but have strayed away. How many sleepless nights have we spent in search of these straying sheep? Allurements of the most subtle character have been placed before them to entice them from the fold. If the straying sheep is not brought back to the fold, it will wander until it perishes. What is the course pursued by the true Shepherd?

"The divine Shepherd leaves the ninety and nine, and goes out into the wilderness to seek the one that is lost. There are thickets, quagmires and dangerous crevices in the rocks, and the Shepherd knows that if the sheep is in any of these places, a friendly hand must help it out. As he hears its bleating afar off, He encounters any and every difficulty that He may save His sheep that is lost. When He discovers the lost one, He does not greet it with reproaches. He is only glad that He has found it alive. With firm yet gentle hand He parts the briars, or takes it from the mire; tenderly He lifts it to His shoulders, and bears it back to the fold. The pure, sinless Redeemer bears the sinful, the unclean.

"The Sin-Bearer carries the befouled sheep; yet so precious is His burden that He rejoices, singing, 'I have found My sheep which was lost.' Luke 15:6. Let every one of you consider that your individual self has thus been borne upon Christ's shoulders. Let none entertain a masterly spirit, a self-righteous,

criticizing spirit; for not one sheep would ever have entered the fold if the Shepherd had not undertaken the painful search in the desert. The fact that one sheep was lost was enough to awaken the sympathy of the Shepherd and start Him on His quest."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VI, p. 124.

How thankful we should be that there is no picture in the Bible of the Shepherd returning without the sheep. Shall we not take courage and never give up our search? However great the cost in personal sacrifice, let us never fail to exercise forbearance with the erring, never deal unkindly or harshly with the discouraged, the despondent, the tempted soul. Let us ever follow the example of the divine Shepherd and anthems of praise will ascend to God from our lips as triumphantly we bear the lost sheep back to the fold. E. E. ANDROSS.

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A YEAR OF PROGRESS

The statistical report of the Antillian Union shows progress. During the year 1141 persons were baptized in this union as compared with 804 in 1930. After deducting the number dropped from the records by death, transfer, etc., the net gain to our membership for the year is 714—a 10% increase over the previous year. The membership at the close of 1931 stands at 7,818. While we rejoice over this good gain, still we are looking forward to better gains during 1932. One or two of the fields in the union have already set their goal to double their membership this year.

Our present Sabbath school membership has increased to 11,522 or 1,512 more than in 1930. We have twenty-five more Sabbath schools holding up the light of truth. There were 1,109 souls included in baptismal classes at the close of the year.

Financially our union has done well considering the conditions that existed during 1931. While some of our fields show heavy losses in the tithe, others show fair gains so that for the year, the union as a whole shows a decrease of only 6¾% under 1930.

Our Sabbath school and other mission offerings held up to within 3 2/3% of the former year. When we take into consideration that the offerings for local church work dropped off 37½% we are forcefully reminded of the loyalty and devotion of a people who have sacrificed so willingly to give to our larger world-wide work of spreading the good news of Christ's soon return to this sin-cursed earth.

While these results for 1931 are very encouraging under the circumstances encountered, we must not condone ourselves for not having done better. The larger part of 1932 is still before us. While the business world is looking for this year to show improvement, let us by all means do our part to show good gains in the tithes and offerings as well as in the all-important work of soul saving! H. E. BEDDOE.

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REJOICING IN GOD'S BLESSINGS

I am smiling while I write. I have reason to, for the Lord is blessing the work in a wonderful way just now. The first two months' tithe for this year shows an increase of eighty-four pounds over the same period of last year, and there are still nineteen treasurers' reports to come in. The Sabbath school offerings show a gain of fourteen pounds over the same period last year.

Brother Lawson has just organized a new school of sixty-five members. Thirty-three are baptized and thirty are in the baptismal class. Brother A. C. Stockhausen started a series of tabernacle lectures and the second week he organized the scattered, new Sabbath keepers at Morant Bay, into a new Sabbath school of sixty-two members. His meetings are drawing large numbers, some walk five miles each night to hear the good news.

Brother Hutchinson baptized thirty-five more last Sunday night in the North Street church. The crowd was the largest he has yet had. The church and yard were filled. This is the third series he has held in fifteen months in the same place. One of the leading Baptist ministers was present and offered prayer. His heart was touched and he said it was the most charming baptismal service he had witnessed.

Elder Fletcher is having good crowds

at Gayle, the church building will not hold the people. He reports two new companies not far from Gayle that are calling for a series of meetings. They are impatient for the Message. Nine have already stepped out.

Truly the harvest is getting white—but when it gets white we will lose it. Grain must be gathered before the whitening time. It must be golden with the freshness of the rising of the Sun of righteousness upon the hearts of the people. H. J. EDMED.

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OUR CHURCH IN ST. CROIX

On the island of St. Croix there was a little thatched-roof church in which the Seventh-day Adventists worshipped, which stood on a piece of ground belonging to one of the members. He meant to deed this property to the church but died before this was done. His son inherited the property and refused to give them a deed. Later, he threatened to burn the building, and one of the brethren who knew the young man pretty well removed the organ and seats from the building. The next morning the house was in ashes. The believers were grieved at the loss of their church but could do nothing about it.

One of their number went to see a wealthy lady living in the vicinity and told her their desire. She gave them a half acre of land on which to build, and then they had the land but no money. He asked her to give them some stones that were on her estate with which to build their house. This she did, and the sisters, who had to work all day to make a living, would meet in the evening after the day's work was done, and carry



An old sister carrying stones for new church. Such devotion is inspiring

STATISTICAL REPORT

NAME OF CONFERENCE OR MISSION	1	2	3	4			5			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
				Mem. Added During Quarter			Mem. Dropped During Quarter														
	Number of Churches	Membership at Beginning of Quarter	By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	By Letter	By Death	By Apostasy	By Letter	Entire Church Membership at Close of Quarter	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Licensed Missionaries	Book and Periodical Canvassers	Total Laborers	Total Tithes Receipts	Tithe Per Capita	Total Offerings to Foreign Missions (except as reported under 19)				
1 Antillian Union	2	1	5	..	8
2 Bahamas Mission	9	261	25	..	..	..	..	..	286	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	5	356.22	1.79	35.11
3 Cayman Isls. Mission	3	69	4	2	..	..	..	..	75	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	38.80	..	76.46
4 Cuba Mission	16	894	35	2	..	3	4	3	921	7	4	16	8	3	..	..	3	2,030.17	2.60	712.67
5 Haiti Mission	30	1,577	123	1	6	18	77	7	1,605	9	3	18	7	3	..	..	3	1,489.71	1.09	676.88
6 Jamaica Conference	78	3,623	299	18	43	5	66	37	3,875	12	2	29	20	6	..	..	6	3,501.46	1.02	3,087.77
7 Puerto Rico Mission	17	483	50	..	4	..	..	5	513	4	4	9	4	21	..	..	2	1,686.78	4.18	565.63
8 Santo Domingo Mission	10	467	78	..	1	2	..	1	543	2	1	10	9	22	..	..	2	991.95	2.73	145.67
Union Totals	163	7,374	614	23	54	28	167	52	7,818	39	15	90	49	193	10,095.09	1.53	5,300.19				
9 Caribbean Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	7	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..
10 French W. I. Mission	2	84	..	..	..	..	..	..	84	..	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	254.16	5.29	163.15
11 Guiana Conference	19	650	134	..	13	2	6	12	777	3	1	4	6	16	..	..	..	554.92	..	303.17
12 Leeward Isls. Conf.	22	1,274	122	..	1	6	12	7	1,372	4	1	3	5	15	..	..	..	1,453.16	1.25	320.46
13 Mt. Roraima Ind. Miss.	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	1	3	..	4	..	..	..	101.51	50.75	17.98
14 S. Caribbean Conf.	40	2,398	86	1	29	8	30	29	2,447	7	3	9	6	29	..	..	..	2,064.25	1.01	450.10
Union Totals	83	4,426	342	1	43	16	48	48	4,700	15	9	27	17	80	4,428.00	1.15	1,254.86				
15 Central Amer. Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	7	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..
16 Br. Honduras Mission	11	380	29	4	2	1	1	..	413	2	..	3	4	9	..	..	..	1,165.57	4.03	1,239.76
17 Costa Rica Mission	5	215	7	..	..	..	..	8	214	1	1	3	6	11	..	..	..	791.21	4.50	1,518.15
18 Guatemala Mission	3	160	..	..	..	..	..	..	160	1	..	7	7	15	..	..	..	292.76	2.48	354.89
19 Honduras Mission	4	65	..	..	..	1	11	11	42	..	1	2	4	4	..	..	..	257.30	1.98	211.22
20 Nicaragua Mission	5	130	..	..	..	..	..	..	130	1	2	4	1	8	..	..	..	286.43	2.58	517.59
21 Panama Conference	28	1,234	23	2	15	4	8	28	1,234	4	2	4	12	22	..	..	..	3,202.11	2.69	1,802.18
22 Salvador Mission	6	238	17	..	4	3	..	..	256	1	..	4	6	11	..	..	..	350.80	1.55	944.05
Union Totals	62	2,422	76	6	21	9	20	47	2,449	11	9	33	38	91	6,346.18	2.83	6,587.84				
23 Col.-Venezuela Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	4	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
24 Atlantic Col. Mission	2	130	27	..	..	..	..	..	157	..	1	4	5	10	..	..	..	404.11	6.12	265.47
25 Central Col. Mission	4	104	1	..	..	..	..	..	105	1	..	1	2	4	..	..	..	295.56	12.31	41.86
26 Pacific Col. Mission	2	59	11	1	1	..	..	..	72	..	..	4	5	10	..	..	..	247.36	8.25	110.91
27 Upper Magdalena Miss.	2	105	12	..	..	..	..	..	117	1	..	1	7	9	..	..	..	323.20	4.09	32.66
28 Venezuela Mission	9	294	..	1	5	1	5	4	290	1	3	9	3	16	..	..	..	1,243.27	4.32	1,262.00
Union Totals	19	692	51	2	6	1	5	4	741	5	5	23	22	55	2,513.50	5.16	1,712.90				
29 Mexican Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	4	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..
30 Central Mex. Mission	8	368	80	..	..	..	..	..	448	2	4	6	19	31	..	..	..	791.60	2.89	550.61
31 Gulf Mex. Mission	7	411	10	..	..	..	..	..	421	2	3	3	16	24	..	..	..	394.50	1.28	495.05
32 Lake Mex. Mission	3	97	9	..	..	..	..	..	106	1	2	3	4	10	..	..	..	145.40	2.55	67.20
33 Sierra Madre Mission	4	81	..	..	..	..	..	..	81	1	1	5	3	10	..	..	..	173.30	2.09	201.63
34 Tehuantepec Mission	42	869	25	..	1	1	..	..	894	1	7	5	10	23	..	..	..	1,042.00	1.50	394.64
35 Yucatan Mission	3	94	88	..	1	1	..	..	182	1	2	2	7	12	..	..	..	335.20	19.72	142.18
Union Totals	67	1,920	212	..	2	2	..	..	2,132	9	22	28	59	118	2,882.00	2.01	1,851.31			
36 Inter-American Division	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	15	..	21	..	..	..	..	..	..
37 Antillian Union	163	7,374	614	23	54	28	167	52	7,818	39	15	90	49	193	10,095.09	1.53	5,300.19				
38 Caribbean Union	83	4,426	342	1	43	16	48	48	4,700	15	9	27	17	80	4,428.00	1.15	1,254.86				
39 Central Amer. Union	62	2,422	76	6	21	9	20	47	2,449	11	9	33	38	91	6,346.18	2.83	6,587.84				
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Division Totals	394	16,834	1,295	32	126	56	240	151	17,840	82	63	216	185	558	26,264.77	1.80	16,707.10				
Total 4th quarter 1928	313	12,598	651	19	228	47	100	227	13,122	81	47	188	107	428	34,080.87	3.29	16,483.38				
" " " 1929	338	13,911	953	51	118	55	222	154	14,602	81	52	210	130	482	33,678.06	2.90	16,555.80				
" " " 1930	361	15,033	807	45	248	58	204	243	15,628	80	56	204	151	507	30,682.64	2.34	18,109.50				
" " " 1931	394	16,834	1,295	32	126	56	240	151	17,840	82	63	216	185	558	26,264.77	1.80	16,707.10				
GAINS	33	1,801	488	..	..	..	36	..	2,212	2	7	12	34	51	..	..	..	

these stones a distance of half a mile on their heads to the lot where they planned to build. They kept this up for some time until they had as many stones as they needed for the house. Many of these stones weighed one hundred pounds.

About this time the lady died, and a young man, who was unfriendly to the truth, inherited the property and at once gave strict orders to carry no more stones from his property. However, they had all the stones they needed for the building, and now they have a nice little stone building there in which to worship God.

W. R. ELLIOTT.

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ONWARD IN INTER-AMERICA

When the final reports reached us at the Division office from the various fields at the close of the year we were well started on our work for the new year. We feel that our believers throughout the division will be interested in a brief summary of the work accomplished during 1931. Our tithe and mission offerings show considerable decrease over the previous year, owing to the financial depression which has affected our division as well as all other parts of the world field. The tithe for 1930 was \$120,624.39 or a per capita rate of \$9.19, while for 1931 it was \$107,893.29 or a per capita of \$7.39. The mission offer-

ings during 1930 amounted to \$81,864.54 which was .119 per member as compared with \$74,936.24 or .098 per member per member for 1931. Considerably over half of our mission funds is received through the Sabbath schools.

We are pleased to report that we have had by far the largest number of baptisms and net gain in membership of any one year since the organization of the division in 1922. There were 3,012 new members baptized into the message during the year 1931 as compared with 1,755 who were baptized in 1930, bringing our membership to 17,840 at the close of 1931. In the 703 Sabbath schools

FOURTH QUARTER, 1931

STATEMENT OF THE MISSION FUNDS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION FOR THE FIRST 39 WEEKS OF 1931

	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Total Sabbath School Contributions (to Foreign Missions)													
Mission Offerings Per Capita													
Total Contributions for Home Mission Work													
Total Contributions for Local Church Work													
No. of Sabbath Schools													
Membership													
Goal per Week per Member													
Membership 1929													
Goal to Date													
Amount Raised													
Amount Over													
Amount Short													
Average per Week Per Member													
1	93.56	.65		47.31	12	312	.30	199	3,104.40	709.85		2,394.55	.07-
2	15.31	1.58	6.20		5	120	.15	58	452.40	239.72		212.68	.08-
3	896.11	2.06			60	1,531	.40	782	16,265.60	6,078.53		10,187.07	.15-
4	600.74	.94	3.32	26.80	53	2,517	.10	1,361	7,077.20	3,438.37		3,638.83	.05-
5	871.45	1.16	25.50	455.30	105	4,555	.15	3,418	26,660.40	9,689.57		16,970.83	.05+
6	656.76	3.03		252.73	27	1,178	.35	404	7,352.80	5,343.18		2,009.62	.25+
7	651.18	2.19		108.96	15	1,474	.35	364	6,246.24	4,705.71		1,540.53	.25-
	3,785.11	1.38	35.02	891.10	277	11,687	.20-	6,586	67,159.04	30,204.93		36,954.11	.09-
9	46.93	4.38			5	118	.15	48	374.40	448.86	74.46		.18-
10	197.43	.84	.43	58.42	22	706	.10	596	3,099.20	1,231.63		1,867.57	.04-
11	491.49	.70	.13	253.79	30	1,541	.15	1,164	9,079.20	3,608.70		5,470.50	.06-
12	27.64	22.81						2		151.33	151.33		1.46-
13	569.58	.50	1.99	413.14	53	2,526	.15	2,043	15,935.40	5,314.37		10,621.03	.05+
	1,333.07	.67	2.55	725.35	110	4,891	.14+	3,853	28,488.20	10,754.89		17,733.31	.05+
15	538.50	6.15	12.05	130.95	13	439	.25	289	3,757.00	2,763.89		993.11	.18+
16	320.68	10.45		132.08	7	308	.25	176	2,288.00	2,890.53	602.53		.32-
17	169.51	4.44	15.60	43.14	13	242	.25	118	1,534.00	2,028.79	494.79		.33+
18	107.94	2.46		19.95	2	60	.25	130	1,690.00	1,545.06		144.94	.23-
19	121.59	5.76	4.56	20.24	7	200	.25	111	1,443.00	1,232.12		210.88	.21+
20	1,085.26	2.42	17.89	687.86	33	1,348	.25	1,192	15,496.00	8,018.51		7,477.49	.13-
21	182.11	4.96		129.13	12	237	.25	227	2,951.00	1,640.86		1,310.14	.14-
	2,525.59	4.06	50.10	1,163.35	87	2,834	.25	2,243	29,159.00	20,119.76		9,039.24	.17+
23	195.77	6.99		31.95	17	338	.30	66	1,029.60	1,103.28	73.68		.32+
24	112.29	6.42	6.06	7.43	7	158	.30	24	374.40	630.44	256.04		.51-
25	85.56	6.55	22.65	18.03	4	101	.30	30	468.00	426.19		41.81	.27+
26	196.01	2.89	12.00	30.00	5	225	.30	79	1,232.40	698.09		534.31	.17-
27	729.44	6.91		104.08	12	324	.30	288	4,492.80	3,844.41		648.39	.26-
	1,319.07	6.23	40.71	191.49	45	1,146	.30	487	7,597.20	6,702.41		894.79	.26+
29	287.87	3.06	12.67	112.61	55	900	.20	274	2,849.60	1,941.67		907.93	.14-
30	272.70	2.48	98.19	42.66	19	594	.20	309	3,213.60	1,476.75		1,736.85	.09+
31	40.96	1.90	25.44	12.00	5	91	.20	57	592.80	264.79		328.01	.09-
32	66.85	3.23			6	120	.20	83	863.20	576.40		286.80	.13+
33	563.81	1.38	41.26	90.00	85	2,220	.20	693	7,207.20	2,188.33		5,018.87	.06+
34	134.38	16.27	28.81	15.81	14	452	.20	17	176.80	706.31	529.51		.80-
	1,366.57	2.25	206.37	273.08	184	4,377	.20	1,433	14,903.20	7,154.25		7,748.95	.10-
36	3,785.11	1.38	35.02	891.10	277	11,687	.20-	6,586	67,159.04	30,204.93		36,954.11	.09-
37	1,333.07	.67	2.55	725.35	110	4,891	.14+	3,853	28,488.20	10,754.89		17,733.31	.05+
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40	1,366.57	2.25	206.37	273.08	184	4,377	.20	1,433	14,903.20	7,154.25		7,748.95	.10-
	10,329.41	1.85	334.75	3,244.37	703	24,935	.19+	14,602	147,306.64	74,936.24		72,370.40	.10-
42	12,513.16	2.80	739.57	2,616.53	557	17,742							
43	13,257.26	2.57	766.98	4,416.03	631	20,262							
44	11,873.56	2.28	339.78	3,242.76	665	22,681							
45	10,329.41	1.85	334.75	3,244.37	703	24,935							
				1.61	38	2,254							

scattered throughout the division were 24,935 members.

On the reports coming to us at the close of the year from the five unions, we find that 2,178 are in the baptismal classes. These reports also reveal there are 560 laborers in the different missions, 82 being ordained ministers, 63 licensed ministers, 216 licensed missionaries, 187 book and periodical canvassers and 12 unclassified workers.

We rejoice that so many have come into the truth during the past year and we extend to these new believers a very hearty welcome. It would seem with the large number in our baptismal classes and in the Sabbath schools that we

should see even greater things accomplished during 1932. We solicit the prayers of each believer in behalf of our workers and work throughout the various organizations of the division, that the most possible may be accomplished in bringing the truth to all who are seeking light in these perilous times in which we are living.

F. L. HARRISON.

Balboa, Canal Zone.

EAST INDIANS SEEK GOSPEL

A number of years ago, an East Indian, in the central part of Trinidad, came into possession of two of our gospel filled books. These were read to

some extent and certain of the lessons learned were impressed on the minds of his children. Though his life's work is now ended, the seeds of truth thus gleaned are yielding a wonderful fruitage in transformed lives.

A short time ago, one of the sons was led to a closer reading of these books, with which he had played when a child. As a result he and his wife and five others surrendered their lives to the obedience of God's commandments, and after seeking for further instruction from the living preacher were baptized into Christ.

But the story does not end here. Active work in behalf of their relatives



Colporteurs and workers attending the colporteurs' institute recently held in Caracas, Venezuela

and friends to whom they imparted a knowledge of their newly found joy, resulted in such an interest that workers had to be sent to instruct publicly these truth seekers in the way of life. Many other of their countrymen have now yielded to the transforming power of the grace of Christ. Some of these live many miles distant from the first group, and another interest is springing up there.

C. E. ANDROSS.

Port of Spain, Trinidad.



CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION MISSION

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HERE AND THERE IN CENTRAL AMERICA

In Guatemala Brother Ford has baptized, during the first month of this year, 27 souls. He is at present holding meetings in a theater in the city of Guatemala. The Lord seemed to manifestly open the way for them to rent a new theater in the very heart of the city. This building cost \$80,000 but before it was completed the money gave out and as they could not get it ready to rent as a fully completed theater, they rented it to Brother Ford for this effort. It is a beautiful structure and the people of the city desired to see it, so on the opening night it was filled to its capacity. It was estimated that from 2,000 to 3,000 people were on the inside and many outside who could not get in. The meetings now have been in progress about three weeks. When I visited Guatemala recently they told me the attendance had never been less than one hundred and generally two to four hundred each night. The workers are praying and working for one hundred souls from that effort.

Out in an interior part of Guatemala

in Peten there is reported to be a company of about thirty or more who are keeping the Sabbath and awaiting baptism. It means a long trip to reach them and as yet they have not been visited. We have talked with the photographer who took a picture of the company. He told us he understood there are companies in other parts near. We hope soon some one will be able to go out and more fully instruct them.

Here in British Honduras and Bay Islands Mission fifty-four have been baptized and as many more in baptismal classes, with a good interest in the city of Belize. The tent is being pitched this coming week and we have confidence to believe the Lord will bless us with at least one hundred souls from this effort.

Brother Howard has held one effort in Managua, Nicaragua and is planning for another soon. I understand some twenty have taken their stand, but I have not had definite word as yet.

In Siquirres, Costa Rica, Brother Andread has been holding meetings for the English and he reports quite a number who have accepted the truth and are preparing for baptism. This little company have been greatly strengthened and are planning to build a church, the land for which has already been given.

Brother Dunn hopes to baptize fifteen or more in Port Limon. The people there had been praying for the Lord to send them someone who could explain to them the Bible and who had the truth. It is wonderful how He opens the way and prepares the hearts of men to receive the Message.

Brother Olson and Brother Concepción are beginning meetings in San Vicente, El Salvador, where they have a good hall for this purpose. The revolution made it impossible for them to start at the time planned.

In Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Brethren Maxson and Larson are conducting an effort. The attendance is good and we believe the Lord will bless. Let us pray that this effort will result in establishing on a firm basis our work in the capital city of Honduras.

Down in Panama Elder C. C. Ellis has been busy with an effort in Colon and we understand quite a large number are preparing for baptism. We will be glad to learn the full results. Brother Lormtz has just written that there are 400 in attendance at his Spanish effort in Panama City in the tent. Brother Ishmael Ellis up among the Guaymi Indians writes that he has set his goal for 100 this year. He baptized fifty last year. There are other workers from whom we have not heard as yet but whom we know are doing good hard work.

The work on the school in Tres Rios near San José is moving on nicely and we are anxious to see a large attendance this year. Let us pray that the Lord will add His blessing to all the efforts being carried on for the advancement of the work.

W. E. BAXTER.

San José, Costa Rica.



COLOMBIA-VENEZUELA UNION MISSION

Apartado 39, Medellín, Colombia

H. E. BAASCH - - - - Superintendent
J. B. ROSS - - - - Secy.-Treas.

GOOD NEWS FLOWING IN

Good news is flowing in from the field. Brother Trummer has baptized ten new believers in Bolivar and thirteen in Barranquilla. The Barranquilla candidates are the result of the work of Brethren Tirso Escandon, Peralta and Martinez—all lay workers. The Barranquilla church now has forty-one members. In Carmen de Bolivar, Brother Trummer had 150 attending Sabbath school. He organized a church, there, of thirty-two members.

I hope to leave for Caldas in about two weeks. It appears that literally hundreds are waiting for instruction. I shall investigate that interest, the Lord willing, before I get to Cali.

The prospects of sending students to Costa Rica are quite bright. One boy is going from Malaga, another from Medellín, one sister from Medellín, one from Barranquilla and one from Bogota—two young men and three young women. Among the young women is the daughter of Brother Salvador Plata.

H. E. BAASCH.

Medellin, Colombia.



"Praise is the best auxiliary to prayer; and he who most bears in mind what has been done for him by God will be most emboldened to supplicate fresh gifts from above."—Henry Melville.

PROGRESS IN VENEZUELA

Pastor L. V. Cleaves sends some very good news in a personal letter to the division office. Here are two paragraphs from it:

"Yesterday I returned from Curacao where I baptized seven persons. These are the direct fruits of missionary efforts of lay members. Brother Astleford now has several families interested, and we hope to see the work there go steadily forward.

"A week ago last Sabbath I organized a church of thirteen members, with four others joining by letter. This church is in the country back of Puerto Nutrias over in the llanos. The owner of the farm there built the little chapel at his own expense and they have a fine place in which to meet. (A picture of this church appeared in last month's issue.)"



MEXICAN UNION MISSION

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 C. E. Wood - - - - - Superintendent
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MANY SOULS ADDED

I am sure you will be interested in the report of the number baptized in the Mexican Union during the year 1931. The following is the report by missions:

Central	134
Gulf	76
Lake	29
Sierra Madre	20
Tehuantepec	160
Yucatan	102
Mexican Union	521

There are many preparing for baptism in the various missions of the Mexican Union, and we will strive to reach a higher figure before the close of 1932. In the Central Mission there were quite a number who have been keeping the Sabbath for some time, but they had not been sufficiently instructed to be ready for baptism. C. E. Wood.

Mexico City, Mexico.



With Our Departments

"THE COMBINATION PLAN IS OF GOD"

These are the words of Brother Pedro Gil of Venezuela, who has sold many books during the years of his colporteur ministry. By the Combination Plan is meant the combining of one of our subscription books with a year's subscription to one of our magazines. In telling of his experience with this plan Brother Gil writes as follows:

"For some time I had heard it said that the combination plan was a successful method for increasing the sale of literature, but I always doubted that it would be well received by the people, because the price would be too high. But one day while I was canvassing in the plains of Guarico, working in the direction of Calabazo, which is a large city and a place of culture, but very fanatical in religious matters, I felt impressed to try out the combination plan, so I resolved to do so cost what it would.

"To begin my labor I tried several times to see the president of the state, but without suc-

cess; so I finally decided to visit his general and private secretaries. To the first one I presented my book, 'Toward the Golden Age,' telling him that he would receive with the book a full year's subscription (with emphasis on the words 'full year') to the splendid magazine, *El Centinela*, at the same time showing him the magazine. He gave me his order and paid me in advance for the full amount, Bs. 36.00 or about \$7.00. He also said he would recommend the book to others.

"After this visit I called on, in order, the other high officials of the government, and then the wealthier class of people of the city, and finished with the business men and others without meeting any objections whatever to the price. Many gave me half of the price in advance. Later I had an opportunity to see the president of the state, and he, too, placed his order for the book and the magazine. At the time of the delivery I was rewarded with good success, and to conclude my work in that city I went out on the streets selling small books, and magazines and giving away tracts."

We believe there are great possibilities wrapped up in the combination plan for our colporteurs. A person may purchase a book, but after the delivery lay it on the shelf and never open it again. But with the coming of the magazine each month his attention is called to the truths of the magazine and he is also reminded of the book. Thus the colporteur increases his soul-winning possibilities. Really that is our great objective, isn't it? More souls!

Yes, let us work and pray for more souls. We believe the combination plan will greatly help to this end.

W. A. BERGHERM.

Balboa, Canal Zone.



Group of East Indian believers in Carolina, Trinidad

WITH A WILL, JOE

It was a summer afternoon; the wheelbarrow stood before Mrs. Robin's door; the street was empty of all traffic, for the heat was intense. I sauntered languidly along on the shady side opposite the widow's house, and noticed her boy bringing out some linen in a basket to put on the wheelbarrow. I was surprised at the size of the basket he was lugging along the passage and lifting on to the wheelbarrow, and paused to look at him. He pulled, and dragged, and then resting a moment he began again, and in the silence of the street, I heard him saying something to himself. I half crossed the road. He was too busy to notice me, and then, in a pause of his toil, I heard him gasp out, "With a will, Joe." He was encouraging himself to a further effort with these words. At last, bringing the large basket to the curbstone, he ran in and got a piece of smooth wood as a lever; resting one end of the basket on the wheelbarrow, he heaved up the other end, and saying a little louder than before, "With a will, Joe," the basket was mounted on to the wheelbarrow.

As he rested, and looked proudly at his successful effort, he saw me, and his round, red face, covered with perspiration, became scarlet for a moment as I said, "That's a brave boy." The mother's voice sounded in the passage, "I'm coming Joe," and out she came as the child, pointing to the basket, said, "I've managed it, mother." It was a pretty sight, the looks of the widow and her willing boy. Though no further word was spoken, the sense of satisfaction on each face was very plain, and I have no doubt in each heart there was a throb of pleasure that words have no language for.

I went on my way, but the saying, "With a will, Joe," went with me. How much there was in that simple phrase, "With a will!" How different is our work according as we do it with or against our will. This little fellow might have cried or murmured, or left his mother to do the work, and been dissatisfied with himself, and a source of discontent to his mother, but he had spurred himself on to toil and duty with his words, powerful in their simplicity—"With a will, Joe."

Yes, with a will we can do almost anything that ought to be done; and with out a will we can do nothing as it should be done. To all of us, whatever our station, there come difficulties and trials. If we yield to them, we are beaten down and conquered. But if we, ourselves, conquer the temptation to do wrong, calling the strength of God to aid us in our struggle with the enemy, we shall grow stronger and more valiant with every battle, and less liable to again fall into temptation. Our wisdom and our

duty are to rouse ourselves,—to speak to our own hearts as the child did in his simple words, "With a will, Joe."—*"Choice Readings for the Home Circle."*

AROUND THE CIRCLE

In a letter recently received from Pastor L. J. Borrowdale, he speaks of their love for the work and adds that although Sister Borrowdale is not well she hopes they may continue in the Master's service in some needy field till Jesus comes. Then speaking of the work there in particular he says:

"Last week Brother Prince finished another series of meetings and as a result fourteen signed the pledge to keep God's commandments."

Do not forget our prayer list. It changes somewhat from month to month. God has blessed greatly. Always with deep gratitude we erase the name of a worker who has been restored to health; and it is also with gratitude as well as regret that we place new names on the list—gratitude for the wonderful privilege of prayer in the hour of affliction. This month we added to our prayer list the name of Hermine de Caenel, little daughter of Brother and Sister de Caenel, who are in charge of the work in Haiti. We have also learned that Brother Davis, superintendent of the Cuba Mission is not well. Let us pray earnestly that the Lord will touch these afflicted ones with healing lest our field shall again suffer the loss of workers.

Brother F. L. Harrison left in the early part of April for Mexico by way of Havana. While in Mexico he will meet Prof. W. L. Adams who is making a tour in the interest of our schools that will keep him away from the office several months.

Pastor L. V. Finster returned to the office early in April after having spent some time in Jamaica and Cuba. A number of conventions were held in both countries. Reports already coming from these fields indicate that they were both interesting and profitable.

Brother and Sister Jacob Waggener and little son stopped here on their way from the Lake Titicaca Mission to Germany for their furlough.

Early in April Pastor E. E. Andross and Mrs. Andross left for Colombia. While making a short visit in Bogota, prior to the date of the meeting they planned to attend in Cali, Elder Andross was struck by a street car while he was on the sidewalk and was severely injured. A cable on April 6 informed the division office that he would be confined for six weeks, as he had some bones fractured. No further word by letter has reached us but a cable on business matters contained the encouraging word "improving" for which we are thankful.

AT REST

Limchin.—Lena M. Edwards was born at Castleton, Jamaica. She was united in marriage to Mr. Michael Limchin, who for several years has been connected with the Pacific Press, of which union two children were born, Hazel and Carlos. She was baptized into present truth in 1920 by Elder J. R. Sype.

She was taken sick early in February after which followed what seemed to be a successful operation at the Colon hospital, but other complications set in, causing her death by blood poisoning, on March 23. Burial was made in the Mt. Hope Cemetery after services at the Colon S. D. A. Church. Especially, was heart-felt sympathy expressed by the Pacific Press family, as both Brother and Sister Limchin were employed there for several years. Our hearts go out to Brother Limchin and his two children, in deep sympathy in their sorrow.

The service was conducted by the writer who endeavored to speak words of comfort to the relatives and large host of friends present. Our hopes are firm in the blessed truth which she believed, that we with her shall meet again in that blessed resurrection morning, where sin, parting, and death shall be no more.

C. C. ELLIS.

Our church has been called upon to sustain the loss of another dear sister. Sister Muriel Carlson, born in Old Providence in November, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor. She came to this island in her childhood. She was united in marriage with Mr. Cleave and Carlson. In 1929 she was baptized by Pastor Lin Rashford. She was persecuted by her parents who are staunch Catholics, but she was faithful. She died on January 29, 1932. She leaves to mourn her loss, a husband and child, besides a great host of relatives. The funeral services were conducted by Brother Augustus Luzey, our church elder.

FRED KELLY.

Corn Island, Nicaragua.

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