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## God's People Delivered--No. 4

Upon the crystal sea before the throne, that sea of glass as it were mingled with fire,—so resplendent is it with the glory of God,—are gathered the company that have “gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name.” With the Lamb upon Mount Zion, “having the harps of God,” they stand, the hundred and forty and four thousand that were redeemed from among men; and there is heard, as the sound of many waters, and as the sound of a great thunder, “the voice of harpers harping with their harps.” And they sing “a new song” before the throne, a song which no man can learn save the hundred and forty and four thousand. It is the song of Moses and the Lamb, —a song of deliverance. None but the hundred and forty-four thousand can learn that song; for it is the song of their experience,—an experience such as no other company have ever had. “These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.” These, having been translated from the earth, from among the living, are counted as “the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.” “These are they which came out of great tribulation;” they have passed through the time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation; they have endured the anguish of the time of Jacob’s trouble; have stood without an intercessor through the final outpouring of God’s judgments. But they have been delivered, for they have “washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.” “In their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault” before God. “Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.” They have seen the earth wasted with famine and pestilence, the sun having power to scorch men with great heat, and they themselves have endured suffering, hunger, and thirst. But “they shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the

throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.”

In all ages the Saviour’s chosen have been educated and disciplined in the school of trial. They walked in narrow paths on earth; they were purified in the furnace of affliction. For Jesus’ sake they endured opposition, hatred, calumny. They followed Him through

The heirs of God have come from garrets, from hovels, from dungeons, from scaffolds, from mountains, from deserts, from the caves of the earth, from the caverns of the sea. On earth they were “destitute, afflicted, tormented.” Millions went down to the grave loaded with infamy, because they steadfastly refused to yield to the deceptive claims of Satan. By human tribunals they were adjudged the vilest of criminals. But now “God is judge Himself.” Now the decisions of earth are reversed. “The rebuke of His people shall He take away.” “They shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord.” He hath appointed “to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.” They are no longer feeble, afflicted, scattered, and oppressed. Henceforth they are to be ever with the Lord. They stand before the throne clad in richer robes than the most honored of the earth have ever worn. They are crowned with diadems more glorious than were ever placed upon the brow of earthly monarchs. The days of pain and weeping are forever ended. The King of glory has wiped the tears from all faces; every cause of grief has been removed. Amid the waving of palm-branches they pour forth a song of praise, clear, sweet, and harmonious; every voice takes up the strain, until the anthem swells through the vaults of heaven, “Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.” And all the inhabitants of heaven respond in the ascription, “Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto God forever and ever.”

In this life we can only begin to understand the wonderful theme of redemption. With our finite comprehension we may consider most earnestly the shame and the glory, the life and the death, the justice and the mercy, that meet in the cross; yet with the utmost stretch of our mental powers we fail to grasp its full significance.

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### The Mid-Week Meeting

There were only two or three of us  
Who came to the place of prayer;  
Came out in the teeth of a driving storm,  
But for that we did not care,  
Since after our hymns of praise had risen  
And our earnest prayers were said,  
The Master Himself was present there,  
And gave us the living bread.

It was only a handful gathered in  
To the little place of prayer;  
Outside were struggling and pain and sin,  
But the Lord Himself was there.  
He came to redeem the pledge He gave—  
Wherever His loved ones be,  
To stand Himself in the midst of them  
Though they count but “two or three.”

And forth we fared in the bitter rain,  
But our hearts had grown so warm,  
It seemed like the pelting of summer flowers,  
And not the crash of the storm.  
“Twas a time of the dearest privilege  
Of the Lord’s right hand” we said,  
As we thought of how Jesus Himself had come  
To feed us the living bread.  
—The British Weekly.

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conflicts sore; they endured self-denial and experienced bitter disappointments. By their own painful experience they learned the evil of sin, its power, its guilt, its woe; and they look upon it with abhorrence. A sense of the infinite sacrifice made for its cure, humbles them in their own sight and fills their hearts with gratitude and praise which those who have never fallen cannot appreciate. They love much, because they have been forgiven much. Having been partakers of Christ’s sufferings, they are fitted to be partakers with Him of His glory.

The length and the breadth, the depth and the height, of redeeming love are but dimly comprehended. The plan of redemption will not be fully understood, even when the ransomed see as they are seen and know as they are known; but through the eternal ages, new truth will continually unfold to the wondering and delighted mind. Though the griefs and pains and temptations of earth are ended, and the cause removed, the people of God will ever have a distinct, intelligent knowledge of what their salvation has cost.

The cross of Christ will be the science and the song of the redeemed through all eternity. In Christ glorified they will behold Christ crucified. Never will it be forgotten that He whose power created and upheld the unnumbered worlds through the vast realms of space, the Beloved of God, the Majesty of heaven, He whom cherub and shining seraph delighted to adore,—humbled

Himself to uplift fallen man; that He bore the guilt and shame of sin, and the hiding of His Father's face, till the woes of a lost world broke His heart, and crushed out His life on Calvary's cross. That the Maker of all worlds, the Arbitrator of all destinies, should lay aside His glory, and humiliate Himself from love to man, will ever excite the wonder and adoration of the universe. As the nations of the saved look upon their Redeemer, and behold the eternal glory of the Father shining in His countenance; as they behold His throne, which is from everlasting to everlasting, and know that His kingdom is to have no end, they break forth in rapturous song, "Worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by His own most precious blood!"

The mystery of the cross explains all other mysteries. In the light that streams from Calvary, the attributes of God which had filled us with fear and

awe appear beautiful and attractive. Mercy, tenderness, and parental love are seen to blend with holiness, justice, and power. While we behold the majesty of His throne, high and lifted up, we see His character in its gracious manifestations, and comprehend, as never before, the significance of that endearing title, "Our Father."

It will be seen that He who is infinite in wisdom could devise no plan for our salvation except the sacrifice of His Son. The compensation for this sacrifice is the joy of peopling the earth with ransomed beings, holy, happy, and immortal. The result of the Saviour's conflict with the powers of darkness is joy to the redeemed, redounding to the glory of God throughout eternity. And such is the value of the soul that the Father is satisfied with the price paid; and Christ Himself, beholding the fruits of His great sacrifice, is satisfied.—"*The Great Controversy*," pp. 648-652.

## Where is Thy Brother?

It is the nature of sheep to keep close together, but while feeding in green pastures they may, without thought of danger, scatter over a wide area, and unless carefully watched by the shepherd, some may wander from the flock. Wild sheep from the mountains may lure them into some dark chasm—a moving picture theater or some haunts of vice—where they are ensnared by sin or caught by its thorns.

The experience of the shepherd by David illustrates the vigilant watchfulness, the unflinching care, the undaunted heroism, in the presence of the greatest personal danger, that should characterize the true shepherd of the Lord's flock. "David said unto Saul, thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: and I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear." 1 Sam. 17:34-36.

No excuse can be offered to the One who owns every member of the flock for failure to deliver the lambs from the mouth of our adversary the devil, who "as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." 1 Peter 5:8.

Today the question is addressed to every member of the church, "*Where is thy brother?*" Like Cain, do you respond, "I know not: am I my brother's keeper?" Let every lover of our Saviour cheerfully respond by at once going out in search of the lost sheep and never weary till they are found and,

with rejoicing, restored to the fold ere the chief Shepherd appears. What erring creatures we all are! How often we grieve the heart of our heavenly Father, but with what longsuffering and tender compassion He deals with us! "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy." "Who is a God like unto Thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He retaineth not His anger forever, because He delighteth in mercy." Ps. 103:8; Micah 7:18.

How then shall we deal with our brethren who may be in error? Suppose one has wronged us, shall we find some friend and tell him all about it? Yes, but let that be our best Friend—Jesus. No other ear should listen to this story of wrong doing from our lips till the one at fault has had the opportunity of rectifying it, and then not if he makes the wrong right. What does Jesus say? "If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee thou hast gained thy brother." Matt. 18:15. What should be the object of our visit to our brother? Our chief purpose should be to save our brother. His wrong may involve restitution on his part, but that is of little moment compared to the loss of his soul, which is above the price of rubies.

"Whatever the character of the offence, this does not change the plan that God has made for the settlement of misunderstandings and personal injuries. Speaking alone and in the spirit of Christ to the one who is in fault will often remove the difficulty. Go to the erring one, with a heart filled with Christ's love and sympathy,

and seek to adjust the matter. Reason with him calmly and quietly. Let no angry words escape your lips. Speak in a way that will appeal to his better judgment. Remember the words, 'He which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.' James 5:20.

"Take to your brother the remedy that will cure the disease of disaffection. Do your part to help him. For the sake of the peace and unity of the church, feel it a privilege as well as a duty to do this. If he will hear you, you have gained him as a friend.

"All heaven is interested in the interview between the one who has been injured and the one who is in error. As the erring one accepts the reproof offered in the love of Christ, and acknowledges his wrong, asking forgiveness from God and from his brother, the sunshine of heaven fills his heart. The controversy is ended; friendship and confidence are restored. The oil of love removes the soreness caused by the wrong. The Spirit of God binds heart to heart; and there is music in heaven over the union brought about.

"As those thus united in Christian fellowship offer prayer to God, and pledge themselves to deal justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God, great blessing comes to them. If they have wronged others, they continue the work of repentance, confession, and restitution, fully set to do good to one another. This is the fulfilling of the law of Christ."—"*Testimonies*," Vol. VII, p. 261.

Suppose we are not successful in our first effort to help our erring brother, what shall we do? Will we then be at liberty to tell it to others? "If he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more." But what choice shall we make of those who are to accompany us on our second visit? "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." Gal. 6:1.

Having selected one or two spiritually minded members, we should wait till we can talk with the erring brother about his fault in their presence so that

he may know we have not endeavored to prejudice their minds against him in advance of our united interview. If together we fail in our effort to win our brother, then, and not till then, are we at liberty to "tell it unto the church." Matt. 18:17. It then becomes the duty of the church to make a supreme effort to save the erring member. If the church fails to lead him to repentance, and to put away his sin, it then becomes its duty to disfellowship the one who is at fault. However, not except the offense is of such a serious character as to affect the health and purity of the church.

We do not submit to the amputation of a diseased member of our bodies as long as there is hope of the disease being healed. Neither should we hastily disfellowship a member of the church, but should first put forth every possible effort to heal the spiritual malady. When this has been done without avail, then the evil should be put out of the church lest it spread and others be contaminated.

"No church officer should advise, no committee should recommend, nor should any church vote, that the name of a wrong-doer shall be removed from the church books, until the instruction given by Christ has been faithfully followed. When this instruction has been followed, the church has cleared herself before God. The evil must then be made to appear as it is, and must be removed, that it may not become more and more widespread. The health and purity of the church must be preserved, that she may stand before God unsullied, clad in the robes of Christ's righteousness.

"If the erring one repents and submits to Christ's discipline, he is to be given another trial. And even if he does not repent, even if he stands outside the church, God's servants still have a work to do for him. They are to seek earnestly to win him to repentance. And, however aggravated may have been his offense, if he yields to the striving of the Holy Spirit, and, by confessing and forsaking his sin, gives evidence of repentance, he is to be forgiven and welcomed to the fold again. His brethren are to encourage him in the right way, treating him as they would wish to be treated were they in his place, considering themselves, lest they also be tempted."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VII, pp. 262, 263.

"The end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity (love) among yourselves: for charity (love) shall cover the multitude of sins." 1 Peter 4:7, 8.

"God wants us to help one another by a manifestation of sympathy and unselfish love. There are those who have inherited peculiar tempers and dispositions. They may be hard to deal with; but are we faultless? They are not to be discouraged. Their errors are not to be made common property. Christ pities and helps those who err in judgment. He has suffered death for every man, and because of this, He has a touching and profound interest in every man.

"A man may be trying to serve God; but temptations from within and from

without assail him. Satan and his angels urge and coax him to transgress. Perhaps he falls a prey to their temptings. How then do his brethren treat him? Do they speak harsh, cutting words, driving him farther from the Saviour? What a sad sight for Christ and the angels to behold!

"Let us remember that we are struggling and falling, failing in speech and action to represent Christ, falling and rising again, despairing and hoping. Let us beware of dealing unkindly with those who, like ourselves, are subjects of temptation, and who, like ourselves, also, are the objects of Christ's unflinching love."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 222. E. E. ANDROSS.

*Balboa, Canal Zone.*

### He Pleads Outside

The night is chill, the wind is bleak,  
Behold He stands outside;  
How humbly does He entrance seek,  
King Jesus crucified.

He taps upon the bolted door  
And softly, gently pleads;  
So earnestly does He implore,  
His broken heart still bleeds.

The world outside is cold and hard,  
This Lord, they mocked, they killed;  
The lovely Jesus, yes, they marred;  
For you His blood was spilled.

But still He stands and pleads outside  
For entrance to your heart;  
Won't you invite Him to abide  
Ere weary He depart?

How you can spurn such love divine  
Not even angels know;  
It stoops to woo this heart of thine  
To His, which loves you so.

At many a heart tonight He has knocked,  
But only knocked in vain;  
O, won't you have your heart unlocked?  
He may not come again.

At your heart's door He's knocking still,  
This mighty King and Friend;  
Invite Him in, submit your will,—  
Your joy shall never end.

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#### VISITING IN THE ISLANDS OF THE CARIBBEAN

The outlook for 1932 in the Leeward Islands field is good. The committee at a recent meeting laid plans for a strong work in the conference this year. Pastor Van Putten was asked to undertake an evangelistic work on the island of St. John as soon as he can arrange for it. St. John is one of the Virgin Island group.

Elder Lewis was also asked to close up his work on the island of Antigua

as soon as he can do so without loss, and to move to the island of Dominica and begin the work on that island. He will locate in the city of Roseau, and his first work will probably be in that city. We still have a little church of faithful believers there, but since the storm about two years ago, which destroyed their little church house, they meet in the home of a brother. They are of good courage and we hope Pastor Lewis will be able to greatly strengthen the work on that island.

Lately a lady living on the island of Anguilla has accepted the truth through reading literature given to her by Brother Howard while he was traveling on a steamer on which she happened to be. She writes that there is another family there now keeping the Sabbath, and so the truth is planted on another island.

After spending almost a month in the Leeward Island Conference, I sailed away from Antigua on the *S. S. Antilles* for Guadaloupe. Here Brother Atherly had been awaiting my arrival, and he met me at the shore. Arrangements had been made for me to hold a meeting for the believers in the home of Sister Herrison, so we were soon on our way to her home. The roads on this island are very good, and it did not take us long to drive the twelve miles out to her home. There the believers had assembled to meet us, and it was a pleasure to meet them, and to join with them in the communion service. It is largely through the efforts of Sister Herrison that we have a company of believers there, and she has arranged a room in her own home for a meeting place. It was here that I spoke to them and listened to their testimonies.

After the close of the meeting, we were served with an excellent dinner, and then drove back to Pointe a Pitre and twelve miles beyond where we met with a Swiss family of Sabbath keepers. They were very happy to meet us, and we surely did enjoy our visit with them. They are all alone in their efforts to live the truth, and they enjoy the visit of a minister when one is on the island. They came over from Switzerland several years ago. It was in their homeland that they learned the truth and cast in their lot with our people. Now they live and witness for the truth on the island of Guadaloupe. He is an excellent gardener and is employed by a gentleman of wealth to care for his gardens, and he has made them a thing of beauty. They are the loveliest gardens I have seen in the tropics. We were with them until about 8 p. m., and then drove over to the city where we spent the night. The following morning we sailed for Fort-de-France.

Since my arrival in Fort-de-France, I have met with most of the believers on the island, both here and at Trinite.

Last Sabbath, we held communion service with the church here, and the believers living in the town of St. Pierre came to the meeting. The Lord came very near to us in the meeting, and many testimonies were borne to the goodness of the Lord, and their desire to serve Him faithfully. An excellent spirit prevails in the church here, and among the believers at St. Pierre. A number of the people in the city are interested in the truth and are studying it. Sister Ladrone, the Bible worker here, is in touch with a number of interested people. Lately her health has not been very good, and she has been unable to carry as much work as usual, but we hope her health will improve so that she may spend more time in the work in this important city.

It was a pleasure to meet with the believers who came in from the town of St. Pierre. This little city is built up amid the ruins of the old city of St. Pierre which was destroyed in the eruption of the volcano, Mt. Pelee, about thirty years ago. At that time the city had a population of about 40,000 people. Of all these people, only one escaped with his life in that awful visitation, and he was a prisoner in a cell. He was found the next day and released but lived only a few hours, leaving not one single soul alive of all the inhabitants of that busy little city. The present St. Pierre, like the old city, nestles just at the base of the burning mountain, and the inhabitants seem to have little or no fear of the mountain of fire towering above them into the clouds. It seems a dangerous place to live, and I told them so, but they only laughed at what I said. We have several believers there, organized into a company, and they are all quite faithful in their Christian life. It is good to have some Sabbath keepers there, but let us not forget to pray that our dear heavenly Father will watch over them, and all the others who live there, too, and not allow the volcano to again destroy the people who live about its base.

Brother and Sister Atherly are beginning to get in touch with the work here, and we hope that they will be able to win many to the truth through their labors. He is trying to build up our work here, and has three men now engaged in colporteur work. He hopes to get one or two more in the work, and thinks then he will be able to cover the field with our literature. There are three main islands in the group, Martinique, Guadaloupe, and Marie Galante. So far as I know we have no believers on the last named island. There are several smaller islands near Guadaloupe, and people live on them; but nothing has been done to plant the truth on them so far as we know. These must all be worked as soon as we can reach them.

From the 12th to the 19th of March I was with the young people in their Young People's Week at the St John church on Antigua. The meetings were well attended, and a number of visiting young people were present almost every night. Many of the older members of the church also attended, and some visitors from the city. The Spirit of the Lord was with us, and many good testimonies were given. There were some who confessed their sins and expressed their determination to make wrongs right, to forsake sin and strive for a closer walk with Jesus. Before the close of the week, it became evident that a number were making very practical efforts to bring their dress and their lives into harmony with the truth we profess.

When I left Antigua, efforts were being made by the authorities to enforce a Sunday law enacted in 1824, about 108 years ago. Our people are obeying the law and closing their shops on Sunday, but are taking their Bibles and going to the homes of the people and are giving them Bible studies on that day. Thus the enemy is hurting his own cause by his efforts to discourage our people, for they are going to others with their Bibles and telling them why we keep the Sabbath, and why we cannot keep Sunday. W. R. ELLIOTT.

*Fort-de-France, Martinique.*

#### A LETTER FROM DUTCH GUIANA

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March 7, 1932.

Dear Elder Elliott:

It is now about two weeks since I left Georgetown for this country and I can plainly see the hand of God clearing the way for a large work to be done here.

Our canvassing is moving on nicely. Brother Weithers and I have already delivered about one hundred fifty dollars worth of books for this month. We canvass all day, and at night we generally go out to give Bible readings. We have seven ready for baptism. Interested ones are gathering together, and our greatest need is a minister or Bible worker who can visit these people and teach them the Message. One who speaks English can work here, and while he is working he can study the Dutch. Brother Weithers is learning it fairly well, and I believe he would know it well if he remained here for about a year. We are doing what we can, but to meet the need we must have someone who can devote all his time to Bible work. Very often we visit people until 10 p. m. We feel happy to have a part in starting the work here.

Some East Indians came together one night and desired me to speak to them

concerning what we believe, and for the first time in my experience I gave a talk in Hindi to an East Indian congregation. I understand the language fairly well, but I cannot speak it fluently. However the people expressed their desire to hear more, and I spoke to them again last Sunday. They have asked me to come next Sunday and explain a little more to them. There are good indications that some of these Indians would accept if we had some one who could labor for them in their own tongue. I wish we had two good East Indian workers, one for British Guiana, and one for this country.

Very sincerely yours,  
(Signed) C. MANORAM.

#### REJOICING

We were at the Sanitarium in St. Helena a little while ago and the workers there, learning that we needed a tent for the Indian work, donated sufficient funds so that we could order one through the office in Washington. Two of the doctors also supplied us with a quantity of surgical instruments, so that we now have a larger equipment of instruments than formerly. Pastor Elliott in a recent letter told us that there was no money for a tent, so we are very thankful that this very essential article of our equipment will now be available.

A. W. COTT.

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#### PANAMA ACTIVITIES

This dry season has witnessed eight public evangelistic efforts in the Panama Conference, and the results are already beginning to come in. Pastor C. C. Ellis, who conducted a tent effort in the city of Colon, reports an addition of fifty persons to the Colon church, and that at least twelve more are preparing to join in the near future. At present Pastor Ellis is conducting a tent effort in Panama City, and the interest seems to be splendid.

The writer, in company with Brother Felix Vega conducted a Spanish tent effort in Panama City, and we are glad to report a baptismal class of twenty-three souls as a result of these meetings, and many more are deeply interested in the truth. Brother Ferris Thorp, our youngest worker, reports a baptismal class in the Cristobal Spanish church with a steady attendance of sixteen persons. This is certainly fine as the result of a short effort held in an upstairs hall. We have no definite word from the other efforts, but we expect a good harvest of souls as a direct result of them.

About a year ago four Indians were baptized in Ciricito on Lake Gatun, and these four dear believers went immediately to work for their nearest neighbors, with the outcome that it was my privilege the other day to baptize twelve others. Six are just waiting to straighten a few matters before they also will join the church by baptism. They have built a neat house of worship and it was a real inspiration to see them gather on the Sabbath day to worship God. Very soon we expect to see an organized church among them. Pray for the work in the Panama Conference.

E. J. LORNTZ.

*Cristobal, Canal Zone.*



**ARE YOU PREPARING?**

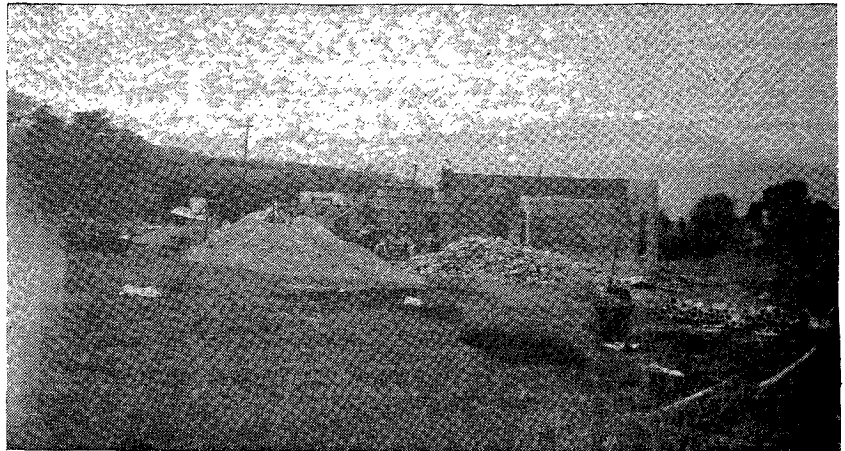
Preparing a place for you, young friends, is proving to be a very interesting work. All the preliminaries have now been disposed of and every day shows marked progress. The cement has come from Germany; the roofing from England; the reinforcing iron from Belgium. The sand and stone are being gathered from the river that flows near the school farm. Some thirty workmen of various nationalities are assembling these materials into homes for students and teachers.

The inter-union Spanish school is actually under construction. A place is being prepared for the Spanish youth of Central America, Colombia and Venezuela. It is a place where you can come aside from the world out into the heart of nature. Here surrounded by the everlasting hills; under the influence of nature and nature's God, and with Christian teachers you may receive a Christian education—a preparation to save souls for God's everlasting kingdom.

"I go to prepare a place for you." This promise fell from the Saviour's lips as He was giving His parting message to His disciples. The "you" includes all of the faithful believers in Christ up to the very close of probation. It includes, therefore, the young people in the territory of *La Academia Adventista Hispanoamericana*. But just as surely as there is a place being prepared in the heavenly mansions; just so surely is there a work for you to do here in the earth. This instruction has come to us through the Spirit of Prophecy.

How may you find out what is your God-given work? God establishes training schools that you may have opportunity to discover your talents and find out what He would have you to do. Are you making your preparations to attend this school?

Young man, young woman, the Master calls. He has need of you. Thousands of your countrymen are yet without the last gospel Message. Unless you



Working on the Spanish school at Tres Rios, Costa Rica

carry it to them, they must die without hope. *La Academia Adventista* is here to serve you, to prepare you to teach this Message to those thousands that their souls might be saved from death, but the school cannot come to you. You must come to the school. A room is being prepared for you. A hearty welcome awaits you. Write for your copy of the new prospectus and further information. Apartado 1325, San José, Costa Rica.

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**A VISIT TO THE OTOMI INDIANS**

Our experience in conducting rural schools during the past two years in Mexico has demonstrated that this uplift work is one of the most effective agencies in the winning of souls. The work that is being accomplished by these teachers is truly marvelous. Their equipment consists of a large suit case in which they carry the necessary books, a blackboard, and their wearing apparel. Some of these teachers go to districts in the mountains where there are no believers in the Message, and their work is necessarily of a pioneering nature, yet they endure privations and hardships because of the love for souls which prompts them to engage in this work.

One young woman about twenty-two years of age started this work in a mountain district in 1931, teaching in her school during the day and holding special classes at night. In a short time she interested many in the truth, organized a baptismal class, and at the end of three months sent for the superintendent of the mission to baptize those who were ready for the ordinance. The superintendent told me that he found

the members of this class the best instructed and prepared of any he had examined during the time of his mission work in Mexico. These teachers organize a Sabbath school as soon as possible, and conduct a Bible study service each Sabbath, and in this way they soon form a nucleus for a company.

Since coming to Mexico I have desired very much to visit one of these rural schools to see how the work is conducted, and had the privilege on April 5 of accompanying Brother C. E. Moon, superintendent of the Central Mexican Mission, on a visit to the Otomi Indians where Sister Carlota Sauza, a young woman twenty-two years of age, is conducting a school. We left Mexico City at seven o'clock in the morning and traveled by bus to Amomulco, where we had arranged for the Indians to meet us with horses. After traveling for about two hours we arrived at San Nicolas Peralta, a large ranch which was formerly owned by a wealthy Spaniard, but was taken over by the Mexican government during the revolution six years ago, and is now used as a domicile for a company of soldiers.

While we were eating our lunch at this place a company of Indian boys from the school arrived, having walked a distance of eight kilometers to meet us. An hour later we arrived at the school, and found that the teacher had lined up the students, forty-two in number, to welcome us. With hats off they saluted us in true military style, and it was, indeed, interesting to notice how carefully the teacher had graded their heights. At one end of the row was the smallest student and at the other the tallest, and not one was out of place. After the salute of welcome the teacher led the students in some drill exercises. We then proceeded to the school room where the students demonstrated the progress they had made in reading, geography, arithmetic, etc. We were sur-



Miss Carlota Sauza (at the left) who has a large school of 42 pupils among the Otomí Indians of Mexico

prised to see how readily and promptly problems in multiplication were demonstrated on the blackboard, when we considered the short time the teacher had been working in this district. The government inspector visited this school recently, and said that the methods used by our teacher are much in advance of those used in the government schools. Miss Sauza has since been asked to teach in the new government school being erected in that district.

Many of these Indians still wear the same style of costume which they wore when Cortéz conquered Mexico, and they manifest a nobility of character and unselfishness which indicates that they will make worthy representatives of the Message when they understand it fully and learn to love it. They did everything they could to make us comfortable and our visit enjoyable. When our bed was being made up for the night two of the young men thought we would not have sufficient covering and took off their zarapes, which they were wearing for protection against the cold and placed them on the bed. They would not let us bear any part of the expense connected with our transportation to and from their district. Their nobility of character gives promise that many in this tribe will accept the Message when they have an opportunity to hear it.

The women of this tribe are very shy and we saw very little of them. The men only attended the evening service which we held, but they manifested a deep interest as we talked to them of the coming of Christ, the Redeemer of the world. When we asked how many desired to prepare to meet Him, every hand was raised.

As we had made arrangements for an automobile to meet us at the foot of the mountain for the return journey, quite a number of the Indians accompanied us that far to bid us good-bye.

We will long remember our visit to the Otomí Indians; and hope that before very long a large number of believers may be gathered out of this tribe which for so many centuries has been sitting in darkness. As we stood at the school and looked over the mountains and valleys, we could count at least six towns in the Otomí territory. Our only hope of carrying the Message to this multitude of people is to train the Indians to carry the truth to their own people. We have at present one boy from this tribe training in the Mexico City school. The missionary work of this rural school teacher is proving fruitful, and we found eight keeping the Sabbath, and many more attending the Sabbath school. Do not forget to pray that God may greatly bless the faithful work of these rural school teachers in Mexico.

C. E. WOOD.

*Mexico City, Mexico.*

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#### PROGRESS IN THE BAHAMAS

Just two weeks ago I returned from a trip of over two weeks along the Andros shore. Since returning to Nassau from that trip, I have been very busy looking after the new members in Grants Town as we have sent Elder Reid to hold three series of meetings in three of

our most distant islands—Long Island, Crooked Island and Inagua. This will keep him busy the remainder of this year.

I am just getting ready to leave today on a five weeks' trip to San Salvador and Long Island. I am planning to spend most of this time holding a little effort in San Salvador where we are establishing our second church, and where a brother from America, who went over there to do some self-supporting missionary work, has donated them a little building. I am very anxious for our work on that historic little island as they are meeting with some opposition. But they are growing. There is a membership of thirty-five besides many children, I am sure that we will have forty-five members there soon.

I believe that you will be interested to learn something of the work over along the Andros shore. It is quite impossible to do anything there without a boat of our own. It was necessary to hire a boat for that trip. One must furnish his own house and food,—I have never seen poverty until going there. How the people live is a mystery. However, some of the most honest and lovable people I have met any where live on that primitive shore. Interests are springing up everywhere and there is no way to answer the calls.

On this trip, I found one isolated brother who accepted the truth in a very interesting way. He was in Nassau and went to find a Baptist hymn book. When he bought it, the woman wrapped up with the hymn book, a worn copy of "Armageddon." He read it and found that chapter toward the end of the book on the change of the Sabbath. He had relatives who were Adventists and he had always opposed them, but this started him to studying the question from every angle and he was soon convinced and is now living the truth in a very convincing way. He is a very intelligent old man having been a teacher and a leader in the Methodist church for years. Many of the people on those shores are unable to read, but he is a man of good ability.

Our greatest problem is to know how we shall ever be able to reach the inhabitants of these scattered islands. We have several where the truth has never been heard. I am taking three brethren with me on this trip which I am starting today, and will leave them at Cat Island, where we do not have a single believer. This island is about fifty miles long with a population of five thousand. These brethren are going to canvass and see what interest they can find. We are trying to encourage our lay members to get out into the out-lying islands where possible and do self-supporting work. One sister was burdened for Andros shore and took another sister with her and located at a district where there are

no believers. She has organized a Sabbath school at that place. I held two services there on a recent trip.

We now have sixteen Sabbath schools in the Bahamas besides four home Sabbath schools where we have isolated members. This is quite a change from a few years ago when we had only two or three outside Nassau. The work is growing nicely here and I am very much encouraged.

R. J. SYPE.

*Nassau, Bahamas.*

### WHAT ONE CAN DO

As we see the Lord's leading in the various sections of the world field, our hearts are quickened. We are thankful for the good missionary spirit among our members in Haiti. It is wonderful what some of them are doing. One lone brother has organized a Sabbath school which is growing. He has now rented a larger house and is using one room for the regular meeting place. He is calling for help as the people are becoming much interested.

At Jacmel, one of the leading members in the Baptist church became interested, accepted the truth and was baptized just the other day. The city is quite stirred over his accepting this Message. The Lord is working and will finish His work.

We are of good courage and happy to be in the work. Our tithes and offerings are showing a gain and especially so in the Sabbath schools. The Lord is good and His mercies are never failing.

A. O. DUNN.

*Port-au-Prince, Haiti.*

### NEW HOUSE OF WORSHIP IN SANTIAGO

We are very glad for the privilege of having a humble house of prayer where we can meet with the members and interested folks, to worship God and prepare a people for the second coming of our Lord Jesus.

We are glad to be able to say that our constituency in this city is growing nicely since we are located in our church building. Our Sabbath school membership is going up every quarter. It has increased from seventy to 100 which is a net gain of thirty members in the five months since we have been in the new building.

We have baptized ten candidates, there are about fifteen more in the baptismal class, and we are hoping to add some more very soon. The work is growing nicely in Santiago and the members are working very faithfully for the salvation of their neighbors.

J. A. PHIPPS R.

*Santiago, Rep. Dominicana.*

"It takes the crucified life to witness to the crucified Christ."

## With Our Departments

### H. I. and B. W. EXPERIENCES

The Harvest Ingathering campaign in this conference is now about over. A number of churches have rallied enthusiastically in this effort and have done splendidly in the raising of funds, but there are yet a good number that are far behind. Much difficulty is experienced this year in the raising of funds, owing to the financial depression that is being felt everywhere. The church members on the whole, however, are of good courage and are pressing on in this good work. The following extract from a letter received a few days ago, written by one of our church missionary secretaries, shows how the Lord is leading in the H. I. work. She says:

"Just a few lines to inform you that we are now just one dollar and a few cents short of reaching our goal, and we hope to realize the amount before long. We found it easier this year with the Harvest Ingathering, Brother Yip. Conditions are bad, but the Lord has opened hearts and hands to us. One gentleman who always gave one dollar died last year, so I thought I would write and ask his son. I did and he willingly sent me one dollar. Another instance, an Indian woman (heathen) gives one dollar to the Harvest Ingathering every year. Last year she said 'I do not know what time in the year you folks collect, or I would not wait to be asked.' She was told the time, and so this year she came in and handed my husband \$1.00 and then gave me \$.50. We thanked her much, but she said 'No, do not thank me, I have not given you anything. I have given to God who is helping me to work daily. I am not in need. When other folks are crying for hard times, I know nothing about that. Every week I am receiving money. God is good to me. Take this money for God.'"

And so even the heathen is made to praise His name.

Another experience of how God is leading was told me by Brother Collins of Mayaro. In a Big Week campaign a year or two ago, this brother sold a copy of the book "The Great Judgment Day" to a woman at Guayaguayare. This little booklet made quite a deep impression on the mind of the woman, and having already a knowledge of baptism, and desiring to get right with God, she accepted this rite at the hand of a Baptist minister. More than a year later, in the 1932 campaign, Brother Collins again visited Guayaguayare in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering and saw this woman. She asked, "Are you not the man who sold me a copy of the book 'The Great Judgment Day,' and related to him the story of her convictions and baptism.

Brother Collins then spoke to her about the Sabbath, and the light began to dawn upon her heart. The result of this contact is a class of eight who are preparing for baptism.—The woman, her husband and her six children. Since the forming of this class two of their neighbors have become interested in the Sabbath question and have united with them in the observance of the true Sabbath.

Many other interesting experiences could be related, but time and space forbid. I am happy to know that the Lord is going before His people, and giving them such success as this in the work.

BENJAMIN YIP.

*Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.*

### WITNESSES

It was an impressive scene that took place in the chapel of the Academy in San José, Costa Rica on the last Friday evening of the school year. After a brief meeting of the students, faculty and visitors, our principal, Prof. W. H. Wineland, asked those who planned to take an active part in some line of Christian endeavor during the vacation period to stand. First he called for the colporteurs to rise, next Bible workers, then the teachers, naming the various other lines of work. When he had completed, every student and teacher was standing as a witness of the great call for workers in these Central American fields, and of the ready response of those who have received training.

For the past three years our Spanish Training school has been conducted in rented quarters, where the living conditions were very cramped. A new school plant, with a capacity for one hundred students, is now in the process of construction, and will answer a long-felt need in these Spanish fields.

W. F. HAHN.

*San José, Costa Rica.*

"It is not until winter comes that we know the pine is an evergreen."

### TWO SISTERS OF GUATEMALA

Good, live, interesting experiences are constantly being published telling of what our young men are doing in the colporteur work, and we never tire of these experiences, but little is said of what our courageous sisters are doing. We thank God there are a goodly number of sisters throughout the Inter-American Division who are actively engaged in this work.

In the accompanying photograph may be seen Miss Rosa Cordon and her mother of Guatemala, enthusiastic representatives for our good Spanish magazine, *El Centinela*. Since the year 1928 Miss Rosa Cordon, accompanied by her

mother, has traveled up and down throughout the republic taking subscriptions for *El Centinela*. Little out of the way places, back from the main road of travel, do not escape their notice, even though it means going by horseback. "They have taken thousands of subscriptions and sold lots of small books," writes Pastor Orley Ford, superintendent of the mission, in telling of their work. What waves of influence for good they have started! Think of the many homes where this magazine is being read.

On different occasions Sister White has made such statements as the following one concerning the work our sisters can do:

"The sisters can work efficiently in obtaining subscribers for our periodicals, in this way bringing the light before many minds."—"Review and Herald, June 10, 1830.

Are there not others who are willing to devote their time and energies to the Lord? In these closing days of the world's history what a great amount of good can be done by our sisters working with our truth-filled literature.

W. A. BERGHERM.

Balboa, Canal Zone.



Two enthusiastic *Centinela* workers in Guatemala

#### LATEST WORD FROM VENEZUELA

I am now in the fifth week of lectures in Barquisimeto and the interest is still good. About fifty have signed cards asking for personal studies, and my hands are full, with the meetings and the visiting. About seventy agreed to keep the Sabbath. The owner of the hall, besides giving the hall free of charge for as long a time as we want it, has said he will obey the truth, and his wife is taking her stand, too. He has offered to help build a chapel here in this city whenever we are ready.

Caracas, Venezuela.

L. V. CLEAVES.

#### AROUND THE CIRCLE

We were made sad to hear indirectly of the death of Brother and Sister Harry Larrabee's little son after an illness of only a few days. Brother and Sister Larrabee are laboring in Guatemala. We extend to them our sincere sympathy but are happy that they have the comfort of the blessed hope of the resurrection.

We were happy to have with us for a few days Brother and Sister Henry Westphal on their way from South America for a furlough in the homeland. They stopped in Colombia to see Mr. Westphal's brother C. E. Westphal of the Upper Magdalena Mission. We were very sorry to learn that while in Cali they were obliged to bury their little son six months old. Although they and their small daughter had to continue

their journey to the States in just a few days, we know that they are looking forward to that glad time of reunion when there shall be no more parting.

Pastor L. V. Finster is spending some time in Venezuela at the General meeting there. In a letter just received he says that they are having a good meeting and perfect harmony prevails. He will go on from there to attend the meeting in Trinidad the latter part of May.

We are glad to welcome Miss Edith McLachlin who has come to join our division office staff. Miss McLachlin has spent over four years in the China Division and we are happy that she has now come to share with us in the joy of winning souls in Inter-America.

We are glad to welcome Pastor E. E. Andross, who, accompanied by his wife and Brother Bergherm, arrived from Colombia as this goes to press. We are glad to see his familiar smile and the remarkable progress he makes on his crutches, which he hopes to discard in a few weeks.

#### AT REST

Lampson—Miss Lindal Lampson, beloved daughter of Brother Josiah Lampson of this island has passed away. She was born here on the 24th of June, 1904 and died on the 27th of March at the age of twenty-seven years, and nine months. She was won during the effort

of Pastor J. A. Reid, who also baptized her in February 1918. The service was conducted by Brother A. Luzy, the local elder. She leaves her parents and brothers to mourn her loss, but they "hope to meet again."

Corn Island.

A. LUZEY.

#### ELDER D. C. BABCOCK

David Caldwell Babcock was born at New Hampshire, Ohio, Sept. 12 1854; and died at his home in Arlington, Va., April 7, 1932.

Elder Babcock labored in the United States until February, 1900 when he and his family arrived in Georgetown, British Guiana, in answer to a call from the Mission Board. In 1905 the General Conference sent him to Africa where he stayed until forced to return to England for treatment having contracted the African sleeping sickness. Upon his recovery from the sleeping sickness, the family returned to the States, and in 1919 were sent by the General Conference to the Virgin Islands, where he labored faithfully for the Master. In 1925 the division committee transferred him to Georgetown, British Guiana, where he had first worked in 1900. Here he served as president of the Guiana Conference for two years, when on account of failing health he was transferred to the island of Curacao, Dutch West Indies. Again he had severe hemorrhages from the stomach, and was compelled to return to the States. He located at Arlington, Va. In November, 1931 he had another hemorrhage, from which he did not make a good recovery. On April 4 he was taken with pneumonia, from which he died April 7, 1932. He was buried in a rural cemetery, leaving to sorrow his wife, a daughter, three sons, and five grandchildren.

Brother Babcock has left a record of service and sacrifice which is a priceless heritage to his church and family. His self-denying life, his zeal for the cause of God, his sufferings, and his faith make him an example to all to follow in his footsteps.

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