

The Great Need of the Church (Continued)

By Mrs. E. G. WHITE

We must no longer remain upon the enchanted ground. We are fast approaching the close of our probation. Let every soul inquire, How do I stand before God? We know not how soon our names may be taken into the lips of Christ, and our cases be finally decided. What, oh, what will these decisions be? Shall we be counted with the righteous, or shall we be numbered with the wicked?

Let the church arise, and repent of her backslidings before God. Let the watchmen awake, and give the trumpet a certain sound. It is a definite warning that we have to proclaim. God commands His servants, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." The attention of the people must be gained; unless this can be done, all effort is useless; though an angel from heaven should come down and speak to them, his words would do no more good than if he were speaking into the cold ear of death. The church must arouse to action. The Spirit of God can never come in until she prepares the way. There should be earnest searching of heart. There should be united, persevering prayer, and through faith a claiming of the promises of God. There should be, not a clothing of the body with sackcloth, as in ancient times, but a deep humiliation of soul. We have not the first reason for self-congratulation and self-exaltation. We should humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God. He will appear to comfort and bless the true seekers.

The work is before us; will we engage in it? We must work fast, we must go steadily forward. We must be preparing for the great day of the Lord. We have no time to lose, no time to be engaged

in selfish purposes. The world is to be warned. What are we doing as individuals to bring the light before others? God has left to every man his work; every one has a part to act, and we cannot neglect this work except at the peril of our souls.

O my brethren, will you grieve the Holy Spirit, and cause it to depart? Will

you shut out the blessed Saviour, because you are unprepared for His presence? Will you leave souls to perish without the knowledge of the truth, because you love your ease too well to bear the burden that Jesus bore for you? Let us awake out of sleep. "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour."—*Review and Herald, March 22, 1887.*

THE ANTILLIAN UNION

By H. M. BLUNDEN, *Superintendent*

The following islands comprise the Antillan Union Mission: Cuba, Hispaniola (Haiti and Dominican Republic,) Puerto Rico, Jamaica, and the Bahamas. Three languages are spoken in the islands—English in the Bahamas and Jamaica; Spanish in Cuba, Santo Domingo, and Puerto Rico; and French in Haiti, where also a French *patois* (corrupt tongue) is spoken by the common people.

There are 11,000,000 people in these island fields and our problem is to build the work of God in all the branches and to give them the Third Angel's Message in this generation.

We have two organized conferences, Jamaica and Cuba, each of which is wholly self-supporting in its native or national work, and each of which also contributes an additional five per cent of its tithe to the union. In addition to these organized conferences there are four organized mission fields. In all we have 219 organized churches.

The baptized membership of the union at December 31, 1937, was 13,000 while the Sabbath school membership was 23,-

000, including the membership of our many branch Sabbath schools. Indications are that the year 1938 will see a large growth both in church and Sabbath school membership as the baptisms thus far this year are well ahead of the same period in 1937. On every hand our workers are pressed down with heavy burden, for in this union field "the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few."

Our tithes and offerings thus far this year show a healthy increase over 1937, both in per capita and in the aggregate. Our workers are of good courage in the Lord and our watchwords are more evangelism, more souls, and more tithes and offerings. We give God the glory for the accomplishments of the past, and look to Him for a greater endowment of power for future service in the Antillan Union.

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"Life is a training school from which parents and children are to be graduated to the higher school in the mansions of God"—*Ministry of Healing,* p. 348.

SANTO DOMINGO MISSION

As evidence of the activity of our believers in the Santo Domingo Mission, the following items have been gleaned from the Home Missionary Report of only one quarter and prove most inspiring:

Bible Readings Given	26,648
Missionary Visits	22,551
Persons taken to services	33,357
Number Given Help	18,745
Treatments Given	5,579
Articles of Clothing Given	2,346
Literature Distributed	7,395
Letters Written	1,058
Number Added to Church	29
Number Reporting	1,056

We have thirteen organized churches in the entire field. In one section, a large province, we have only one worker. He fosters almost fifty branch Sabbath schools. We have many branch schools that we have never been able to visit and properly organize. They are studying the lesson quarterly and giving their offerings in the regular way.

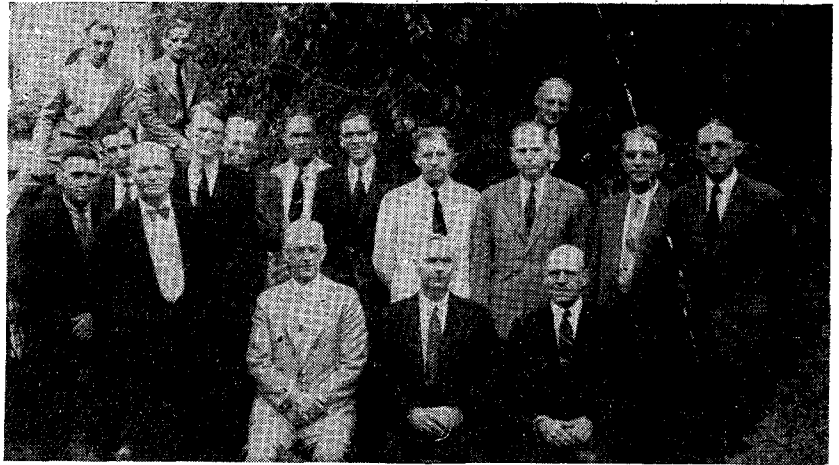
In Monte Cristi we have no worker. This is the place near where Columbus first landed in Santo Domingo. In one section we have twenty-six branch Sabbath schools, with no worker. A native brother is fostering the work there, though he receives no salary. In Barahona we have two churches with twenty-nine branch Sabbath schools.

The Dominican people are naturally a religious people. During the last census taken by the government, it was reported that 20,000 signed as Seventh-day Adventists.

When we arrived in Santo Domingo in 1927, there were 288 Sabbath school members, and 149 baptized church members. After ten years the records show 300 regular Sabbath and branch Sabbath schools and 3,882 members. The church membership is now 1,016. At present we have six church schools in our thirteen churches.

In the city of Azua we have an organized church with several branch Sabbath schools. The government has offered us a lot free, on which to build. If we had only \$1000 we would be able to put up the much-needed building.

In Puerta Plata the owner of a large manufacturing company told us that whenever we were ready to build a church, he has a lot to give us. This is a large lot right in the heart of the city. Puerta Plata is the third largest port in the island. Recently a colporteur went



The Antillian Union Mission Committee.

there. To study his Sabbath school lesson he called some people together and they sang songs and studied the Bible. Recently sixty-four people attended Sabbath school together in this manner in that city. R. G. JONES, *Director*.

BAHAMAS MISSION

The Bahamas consist of an archipelago of islands covering an area nearly 800 miles in length, extending from the neighborhood of Florida to within a short distance of the coast of Cuba.

In these islands we have a population of about 65,000 people. The islands are brought together by blood relationships so that they form one people. At the present time we have a church membership of over 500 believers. Of this number about 200 live in the city of Nassau. Two neat and representative church buildings stand in that city as monuments to the cause of God. Practically half of the population of the Bahamas live in Nassau.

Aside from our two Nassau churches, there are fifteen churches in the other islands. Our most eastern church is the one at Matthew Town on Inauga. The one farthest to the west is located at Lowe Sound on Andros Island. Thus we have a church on the island farthest to the east in the group, and also one on the island to the extreme west. Ours is a scattered field. The problem that we face is greater because of the poor facilities available for communication and infrequent boat service for travel.

I recently returned from a very interesting and profitable visit to San Salvador and Cat islands. These islands are filled with good people interested in the Third Angel's Message. I wish you

might have been with me over on San Salvador and seen the interest manifested. Brother Paul Ward assisted in the services that were held. He tells me that the Adventist churches we have there were never as full since their dedication as we had them filled at this time. All of our people over there have taken on new courage, a number have promised to rejoin the advent people, and a family of seven decided for the first time to keep the Sabbath. Others, —and there are many,—raised their hands in response to a call to carefully investigate the biblical teaching concerning the coming of Jesus and the Sabbath truth. I believe that another visit, with a strong series of meetings, should bring us good gains on that interesting island.

Without doubt our greatest work remains to be done in evangelizing the out-islands. We are hopeful that a series of efforts can be held on these islands in the coming months. We are adding a young graduate from Mandeville, Jamaica, to our working force.

A summary of the tithes and missions offerings for 1936 and 1937 shows an encouraging gain, for which we are very glad.

At present we have only two ordained ministers in the Bahamas. We are hopeful, however, that the future of our work in these islands will be one of marked progress and advancement. With God's blessing upon us as we work for Him, we are confident that God has many from the Bahamas who will believe and accept this message before He comes in glory. We solicit your help and prayers in behalf of the work in this infant field of the Antillian Union.

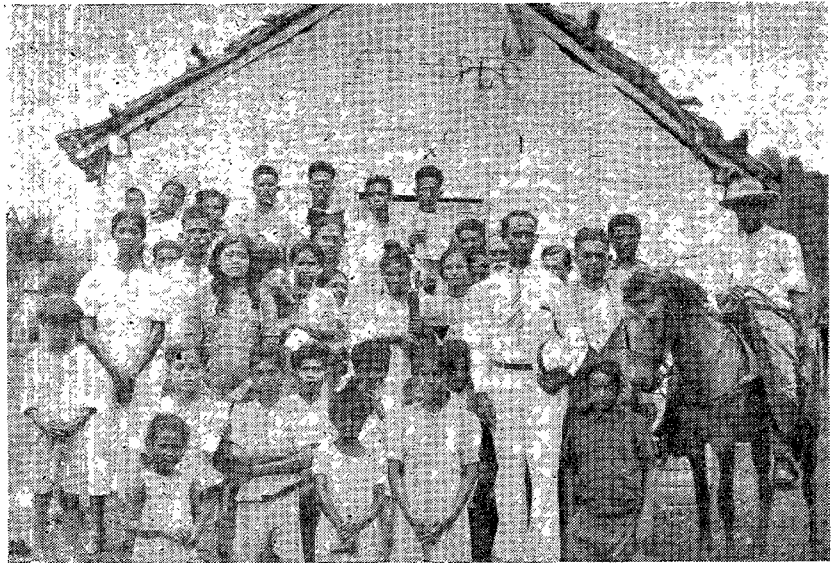
L. L. DUNN, *Director*.

CUBA CONFERENCE

More than two thousand faithful Seventh-day Adventists in Cuba send greetings to their fellow believers in other parts of our division. We are one with you in giving this glorious advent message to our part of the great vineyard and our hands are extended to you in loyal cooperation.

The Lord has blessed His work in our island in spite of our frail human efforts that so often fail. We have a group of consecrated workers willing to sacrifice all for this message. Our preachers have been busy with evangelistic efforts, some in theaters and halls, others in our church buildings. In the past few weeks we have had the privilege of organizing two churches raised up by two of our youngest workers, and other churches will be organized in the very near future. We have forty-three churches in the conference. Due to the faithful work of our laborers and members we have been able to double our membership in the last four years in spite of the fact that large groups of West Indian and Haitien believers were lost to us when they left for their native shores. We have had a very good gain in tithes and offerings.

Our greatest problem in Cuba is how to answer the many calls that come to us from the different parts of the field. Wherever we go we find interested people and we do not have enough workers to respond to the calls. Our lay members are united with our preachers and many lay preachers are conducting meetings where we cannot send ministers. This year we have granted Lay Preachers' Certificates to twenty-nine members.



A branch Sabbath school in the Dominican Republic.

Through our radio work, which is being conducted over six stations, we have been able to reach not only the remotest corners of our island, but actually the farthest parts of the earth. From the South Seas people write us that they can hear the *Voz Adventista* over the air. Where the living preacher cannot go, our radio messages are reaching the people and letters come from all over the country. Some precious souls have accepted the gospel and have been added to our churches as a direct result of our radio work.

Our colporteurs are doing wonderful work in spite of very bad financial conditions. It is really a miracle that our bookmen can sell as many books as they do. In 1937 we delivered literature to the value of more than \$13,000.

During the month of July our workers met for prayer and study at our *Collegio Adventista* in Bartle. Day after day we studied the Word and the "Testimonies," as well as better methods in which to conduct our work. We are sure that this meeting has been a great help to our workers.

We are of good courage, and as we pray that God may bless His work in other parts of our division, we also solicit your prayers for Cuba. Spiritism is rampant in our island and hundreds of our members have come to us directly from this terrible delusion. We thank God for His power that makes us victors in the struggle against sin.

E. J. LORNTZ, *President*.

HAITIEN MISSION

When we say that the population of Haiti is 3,500,000, it is in very round numbers, for it would be very difficult to get the exact population. There is an average of about 310 persons to the square mile, and for a mountainous country with very irregular rainfall that is a heavy population. Enough water falls in Haiti to irrigate the entire island, were there proper facilities provided to capture it, but as there are practically no such facilities, much of the ground cannot be cultivated, and we have many crop failures. There are practically no factories in Haiti, and the things that are generally considered as necessities are really luxuries because of the heavy customs duties that must be paid on all imported articles. There is very little

Delegates from the churches of the outlying islands of the Bahamas Mission.



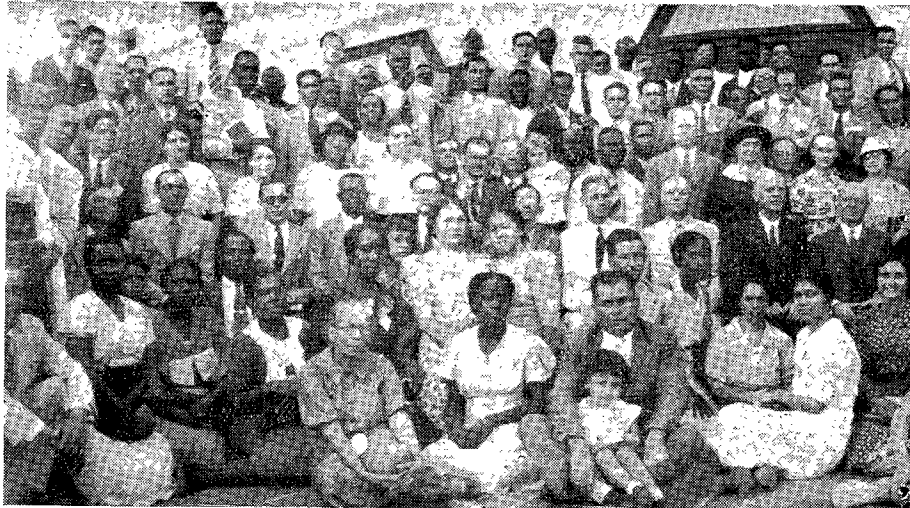
money in circulation; but products of the country are cheap.

We have 3,000 church members, an average of one member for 1,166 inhabitants. Besides this, there are 1,500 candidates in baptismal classes. We have over 6,000 Sabbath school members and about 800 in branch Sabbath schools. Due to lack of proper leadership in the local churches, our missionary volunteer societies are not organized as well as we might wish, but our young people are trying to accomplish something and are winning others to the truth. In many of our churches the lay members are extremely active and it often seems that in their efforts to win so many people our workers are kept unceasingly busy preparing them for baptism and teaching them to become good Seventh-day Adventists.

We have 870 students enrolled in our schools. Due to extreme poverty, many of our schools are primitive indeed, but the educational idea has taken a strong hold on our people. Many of the teachers work for mere pittance. The cries of anguish that come for help are sometimes almost heartbreaking, but in spite of the discouraging circumstances, our church-school teachers are trying to do their very best.

The official figures say that eighty-five percent of the inhabitants of Haiti are illiterate. This fact, combined with the extreme poverty of the people, and the firmly established custom of passing a book or paper to at least a dozen relatives and neighbors, makes it difficult for the colporteurs. Nevertheless, for the year 1937 they sold over \$1,700 worth of books, and \$725.00 for the first six months of this year.

Doubtless all have heard of the trouble between Santo Domingo and Haiti during the last months of 1937. This trouble has resulted in the return of thousands of Haitians, homeless and penniless, to their own country. Among those are quite a number of Seventh-day Adventists, how many, we do not yet know. It seems that many are on both sides of the frontier, waiting for a favorable moment to reach us here at the capital. The government has been doing something to provide homes for these people. There are fifty-nine baptized members and thirty-two candidates located on a large prairie in the central part of Haiti. I visited the place last Sabbath. Each family has about six acres of ground and a small thatched-roof house in the center of the land. The



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officers in charge of this group are well pleased with the spirit of our people. Our Haitien worker who was in Santo Domingo, is with these members helping them to start cultivating the ground and to begin over again. A boys' school, a girls' school, an Adventist church, and a Catholic church are being erected on the principal street of the new town, named Dianeville. As yet we have not incorporated any of these members in our mission, but doubtless will before the end of the quarter.

Wherever one goes among the churches, miracles of God's saving grace can be seen. In one place a building has been destroyed because it was given over to evil spirits; a tree has been cut down because it was a sort of god to a family who turned to the living God; a necklace full of charms has been handed over to the local pastor; trunks full of red garments that were worn for the rebellious angels have been burned.

Here is the latest experience that has come to us. In the city of Cayes, where our work has not been long established, a poor girl was possessed with evil spirits. The frantic mother spent all she had for Voodoo priests and doctors, but in vain. Finally she turned to the Adventists and asked them to pray for her daughter. The mother removed her charms; songs were sung and prayers offered. The girl, who had passed her nights in torment, became calm and fell asleep. The following day she was again very excited, but after another season of song and prayer she became calm. This continued for four days and then the struggle was over. She is now rejoicing in her Saviour.

A. G. ROTH, *Director.*

JAMAICA CONFERENCE

The work in the Jamaica Conference since our session in March has brought us much encouragement. In the last few months we have organized two new churches and have begun seventeen new Sabbath schools. We now have approximately 165 regular Sabbath schools. Besides this, scores of branch Sabbath schools and Sunday schools have been organized. Brother Hubert Fletcher has encouraged the laymen of a number of the twenty-seven churches and companies in his district to hold regular evangelistic meetings four or five nights each week. As a result of these meetings, during the last two months he has been able to organize four new Sabbath schools with a baptismal class in each place. The Sabbath schools have an attendance of from ten in the smallest to fifty-three in the largest. He has baptized forty candidates already this year and expects to baptize sixty more.

Forty persons are in the baptismal class in the new North Street church in Kingston.

A number of the Port Antonio church members live in districts from five to ten miles out in the country. Elder Miller encouraged these lay members to hold Sabbath schools in their own districts and to erect booths and hold meetings. He assisted them in these meetings and the result has been five new Sabbath schools.

An interest has sprung up about seven miles south of May Pen, where a number of isolated church members live. W. S. Nation has organized a Sabbath school there and plans to follow it up with meetings.

PUERTO RICO MISSION

The members of the Puerto Rico Mission are thankful to God for the many rich blessings received. Progress in most lines has been continuous, although the enemy has contested every advance step. The island is small, but has a very dense population. The latest census gives the present population at about 2,000,000 inhabitants.

Our present church membership is nearly 1,000, with about double that number in the Sabbath schools. It is surprising to see the large number of young people in our churches.

Efforts have been made to stimulate tithe-paying among our members. Many of them are poor, but faithful in this matter. Our records show at least ninety per cent tithe-payers in our field. This faithfulness has produced over \$10,000 in tithe during 1937. Our tithe per capita is the largest in the union, and only three other fields in the Inter-American Division have larger amounts per capita.

We have learned that public efforts in our field always produce results. We intend to hold a number of efforts in our field this year in places where we have churches and also in places where we do not have work established as yet.

Several reports have been published about our work in Vieques, which is a small island a short distance from the eastern end of the island of Puerto Rico. The interest was created by a colporteur and followed up by a mission worker. We recently built a chapel at this place in order to care for the growing work. We have nearly sixty baptized members



ession of 1938.

During the recent vacation period of the West Indian Training College, B. R. Hamilton, a member of the faculty, held meetings at Plowden, south of Mandeville, where the school is located, within two or three miles of the seacoast. Since school has opened, Brother Haig, a student teacher, has been following up the meetings. As a result, sixteen were baptized a few days ago and eighteen more are in the baptismal class.

About twenty have signed the covenant at Falmouth. Here A. C. Stockhausen led out in a series of evangelistic meetings. He was assisted by Brother and Sister Robertson and Miss Agnes Sangster, the Bible worker. A Sabbath school has been organized, and we expect ere long to organize a church.

The leader of the church at Manchion on the eastern end of the island reports a group awaiting early baptism, and states that they have now changed their Sunday school into a branch Sabbath school and are planning to start more Sunday schools.

A few weeks ago ten young people of the Baptist church at Bellas Gate, away up in the mountains north of Old Harbor, walked into our church and announced that they were keeping the Sabbath and wanted to unite with us, provided there was nothing in our church regulations which would prevent them from doing missionary work and telling others of their faith. They are now in the baptismal class preparing for that sacred rite.

The members of a little church at Huntley Castle, between Seaford Town and New Market in the west end of Moreland parish, have been very active

in missionary work. They have prepared a large number of candidates for baptism, and when these candidates are baptized, the church membership will have been almost doubled.

We have just sold our church property at Montego Bay and purchased another about a block away with about double the land area. For over two years we have been unable to use the old building, because not more than half the congregation could get into it at one time. Elder Stockhausen reports fifty in the baptismal class at Montego Bay.

There have been 267 persons baptized thus far in the first six months of this year. For the corresponding first six months of 1937 there were just 100 baptized. I am hoping that the total will be well in excess of 600 for the year.

C. E. ANDROSS, *President.*

This branch Sabbath school is conducted by a young man who was won to the message by the use of the radio in Puerto Rico.



there with prospects for a good increase in the near future, as the members are already conducting four branch Sabbath schools.

A short time ago we erected a beautiful chapel in Gurabo. A few years ago several of our elderly sisters met for Sabbath school in a small room in one of the humble homes of the village. The work has grown steadily and the prospects are very bright.

In a country district between San Sebastian and Moca the Lord has wonderfully blessed the faithful efforts of both lay members and mission workers. A number have been baptized and others are preparing for baptism. Undoubtedly it will be necessary to build a chapel in this place to care for this work.

The radio station at Mayaguez has kindly granted Pastor Méndez use of the station for one hour each Sabbath morning. This station serves the entire western end of the island of Puerto Rico. Many interests have developed. In one place near Guayanilla, an interested listener of these radio programs gathers the people Sabbath mornings to hear the program transmitted by Pastor Méndez, and then after the program is ended, he conducts a Sabbath school. The branch Sabbath school idea is taking deep root in our mission.

During 1937 our colporteurs sold and delivered \$8,116.40 worth of books. We depend so much on our book work that it would be a very great loss indeed if we were not allowed to sell our literature.

The dense population in Puerto Rico makes rents high, and it is difficult to secure proper halls within the amount that we can usually pay.

Perhaps our greatest need is schools where our boys and girls may be trained for service and where they may find cities of refuge during the important period of character development.

In spite of the many obstacles, the Lord has set His hand to finish the work and prospects are brighter than ever.

W. H. ENGLAND, *Director.*

EDUCATIONAL WORK

With a church membership which will probably reach 14,000 by the end of the present year, there are naturally many thousands of children and youth scattered throughout the islands of the Antillian Union. Perhaps we do not exaggerate if we put this number down at 7,500.

We have hardly made a beginning in

providing for the Christian education of this vast army of youth. Thirty scattered church schools is all that we have for the primary education of the thousands of children who are attending our Sabbath schools—there must be twelve to fifteen thousand of them. This situation constitutes one of our gravest problems.

For the secondary education of our youth we have one junior college in Jamaica, a boarding academy in Cuba, and a secondary day school in Haiti.

The Mandeville school is the oldest of our institutions. It has done good work with meager facilities. Nearly all of its college graduates are actively engaged in various branches of work. But throughout the years the college has been greatly hampered through scarcity of funds due to an inadequate budget, so that today large sums of money must be found to enable the school to fulfill its great mission in the Jamaica conference which already has considerably over 6,000 members. We have a good faculty at Mandeville, a fine student body, and a splendid opportunity for a great work.

Recently a survey commission passed on to the school board a group of recommendations which if carried out faithfully will go far to enable the West Indian Training College to fulfill its mission far more efficiently.

At Bartle, Cuba we have a boarding academy. The location of this school, however, is so unfortunate that the union committee is searching for a new site, favorable for agriculture and other industries. The Bartle school has done a good work, but the land is worked out, and as I write, the school is faced with the serious problem of opening within a few days with an inadequate water supply. The whole community is in the same plight. Not only is there no water supply for irrigation, but even for domestic purposes they must discover new sources of supply.

The program we face is the establishment of a Spanish Junior College in Cuba for the Spanish-speaking fields of this union, and feeders in the other Spanish territories. The demand for education in these Spanish fields is most insistent. Haiti presents a problem peculiar to its own conditions.

We regard these conditions as our greatest challenge, and our problem most difficult of solution. If we fail to solve it, we will lose as many through the back door of the church as we bring in through the front.

H. M. BLUNDEN

FORWARD BY FAITH

The Antillian Union is a most interesting and fascinating field in which to labor. The territory within the confines of this union consists of the greater Antilles section of the West Indies islands. English, French and Spanish are the predominating languages, and surely a great task lies before us in warning the more than 11,000,000 souls residing in this territory.

Our publishing work in this union is represented by five strong field leaders and an energetic self-sacrificing, hard-working army of 100 colporteur evangelists. The Lord is wonderfully blessing our bookmen as they pioneer the way in the circulation of our books and periodicals. During the first seven months of 1938 our total in orders amounted to \$43,447.78, a gain of \$6,003.24 over the corresponding period of 1937. Our total deliveries for the same period were \$20,658.62, a gain of \$406.85.

It brings to our hearts deep gratitude to God as we note in the last Publishing Department "Digest" from Washington how favorable our deliveries compare with those of the unions in other divisions. For the first six months of 1938 only four of the ten unions in North America have delivered more books and magazines than the Antillian Union. In the Pacific Press territory our deliveries are second only to those in the Pacific Union. These figures and comparisons are very encouraging. Literally hundreds of people are accepting the truth in our field each year as a result of reading our truth-filled literature.

In order to warn people of a soon-coming Christ, through the medium of the printed page, naturally it is necessary to place our books in their homes.

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For this reason we are determined to increase our colporteur army to 132 by the end of 1938 in order to make it possible to reach more homes. More orders, more deliveries; more deliveries, more souls.

As our ministers of the printed page go from door to door, surely they are taking peace, happiness and joy to the hearts of many people.

An earnest endeavor is being made to inject courage, optimism and enthusiasm
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nurses, dieticians, conference officers and gospel ministers. "We have come to a time when every member of the church should take hold of medical missionary work. . . . The members of the church are in need of an awakening, that they may realize their responsibility to impart these truths. Those who have been enlightened by the truth are to be light-bearers to the world. To hide our light at this time is to make a terrible mistake."—"Testimonies," Vol. 7, p. 62. By this it is seen that responsibility is to be borne by every church member. Parents are to teach these truths in their children. Friends and neighbors everywhere are to have the light of this truth brought to them in all its phases. Let us not neglect this phase of our work.

November 12, 1938

Visiting the Sick

We do not have to go in search of the sick, for they are on every hand. The rich as well as the poor are victims of disease which laid hold of humanity at the time of the disobedience of our forefathers, and has taken on many new and strange forms through the years. "The world is a lazar-house filled with victims of both physical and spiritual disease. Everywhere people are perishing for lack of a knowledge of the truths that have been committed to us. . . . Wherever you are, you can begin at once. Opportunities are within the reach of every one."—"Testimonies," Vol. 7, p. 62. No other class of people are more needy or more appreciative than the sick. But the one who visits them should be an example as well as an exponent of health measures, and should cultivate a quiet, restful, cheerful spirit, which will win confidence and draw the sufferer to the Great Physician.

We should visit hospitals more often. Just a brief, friendly call at frequent intervals, carrying God's message of love expressed in a few choice flowers, a book, magazine or tract, a Scripture card, or a poem will be effective for good. Perhaps a word of prayer can appropriately be offered by the bedside, making the sick one

acquainted with the loving Friend who has borne all our sicknesses and is touched with the feeling of human infirmity.

Visit the sick as Christ's messenger. He went about visiting the sick when here on earth, and has especially commissioned His followers to emulate His example. He regards all ministry to the sick, performed in His name, name, as though it were for Him personally. "I was sick," He said, "and ye visited Me." And when in bewilderment the visitors asked, "When saw we Thee sick . . . and came unto Thee?" His answer is ever the same, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . ye have done it unto Me." Let us redouble our efforts and be faithful in this Christian duty until we reach the land where "the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick."

TEN-MINUTE MISSIONARY SERVICE

November 6, 1938

Presenting Health Principles

A revival and reformation respecting the health question is truly needed. In both the Bible and in the Spirit of Prophecy physical well-being is inseparably linked with the Christian's spiritual experience. Education in health lines is prominently emphasized in the instruction to the churches:

"As we near the close of time, we must rise higher and still higher upon the question of health reform and Christian temperance, presenting it in a more positive and decided manner. We must strive continually to educate the people, not only by our words but by our practice. Precept and practice combined have a telling influence."—"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 112.

Naturally those who are trained are expected to take a leading part in the work of medical education. However, the burden of teaching is not to rest entirely upon this group of doctors,

OBITUARY

The sudden death of Sister Edelmira S. de Rijo, which occurred on May 14, has filled the whole Adventist family of the Dominican Mission with great sorrow, especially the church in San Pedro de Macoris.

Our beloved sister accepted the present truth in 1932, and was from thenceforth a faithful member, taking advantage of every opportunity to teach others the truth which had flooded her soul with so much joy and hope.

Our sister was born on the 10th of January, 1891, and was married to Don Enrique Rijo on the 28th of June, 1906, by whom she had six children, all of whom were at her bedside to the last moment. We cherish the hope that in the beautiful morning of the resurrection we shall see our sister Edelmira clothed with glorious immortality. The survivors who mourn are her husband, six children, four grandchildren, her aged father, five sisters, and other relatives, besides all the members of the Dominican Mission.

At the funeral service Elder Robert G. Jones officiated, being assisted by Brethren Ramón Leonor, Juan Palau, and the undersigned.

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"The Lord desires that those who are engaged in the Sabbath-school work should be missionaries, able to go forth to the towns and villages that surround the church, and give the light of life to those who sit in darkness."—*Testimonies on Sabbath School Work*, p. 74.

At the recent general meeting in Puerto Rico and in the Dominican Republic, we have been cheered and inspired as we have listened to our brethren and sisters from the field giving their reports in the Sabbath school rally, showing results of following the above instruction from the Spirit of prophecy.

In the Dominican Republic our Sabbath school membership is 3,882; of this number, 1,185 are in 276 branch Sabbath schools, branches of the 24 regular schools. As the representatives from these various schools gave their reports, our hearts certainly burned within us and we caught a vision of what might be accomplished in all of our schools everywhere if they would take up this thrilling work.

One sister told how her branch Sabbath school had so outgrown the home in which it was at first held that they had to move to the friendly shade of the mango tree.

The aim is always to transfer the members where possible, to a regular Sabbath school and then to the baptismal class. It was our privilege to witness the baptism of many of these precious souls at the close of the meeting.

In Anamulita county, many miles from La Romana, a school started thus: A colporteur sold a book, "The Great Controversy," five years ago. After some time it was read, which led to the study of the Bible, and eventually the acceptance of the truth. We now have a branch Sabbath school of 125 members. Brother Alonzo visits them once a month, traveling 150 miles over rough, mountainous roads, the last eight or ten of which is done on horseback; leaving home Friday, he returns Monday. This is all the help they have.

Puerto Rico is imbued with this same missionary spirit for branch Sabbath school work. One young man not yet baptized, who heard of our message through the broadcast of Brother Méndez, is now conducting a thriving branch school. From listening to these Seventh-day Adventists sermons broadcast each Sabbath morning he

has become so enthusiastic that he just had to tell others of his newly found faith. With the help of the Sabbath school lesson quarterly and the sermons, he is doing his utmost to help his friends and neighbors whom he gathers in.

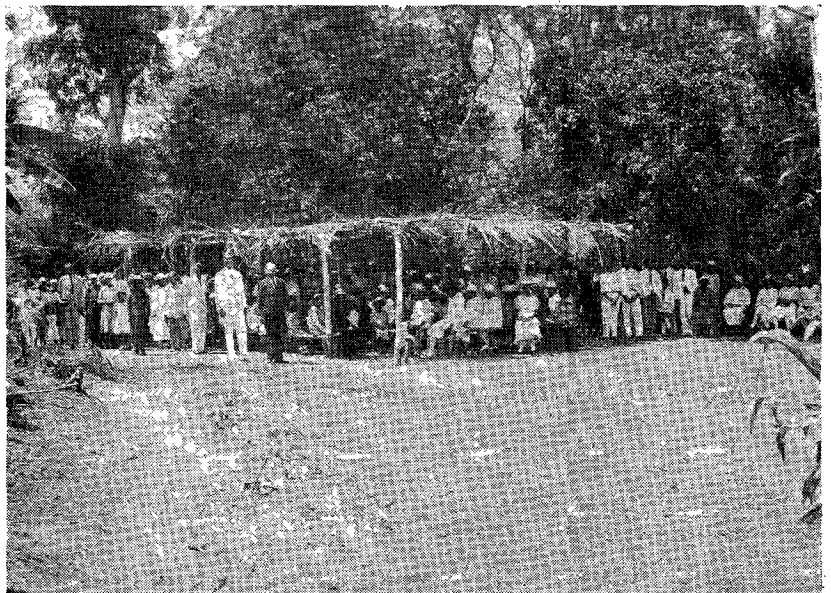
Reports such as this are flowing in from most of the churches in the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, and Jamaica, so that today with a church membership of over 13,000 within this union, we have a Sabbath school membership approaching 24,000.

These simple branch Sabbath schools and Sunday schools are springing up in every direction. They are conducted in the homes of the people, in bamboo shelters, under a few sheets of zinc, in leafy bowers and under the mango trees. But they are proving to be wonderful instruments through which to give this last warning message quickly to a perishing world. So our slogan for the Antillian Union is "More Branch Sabbath Schools."

MRS. H. M. BLUNDEN,
Sabbath School Secretary.

We are to lean our whole weight upon the promise of Christ, and believe what has been written,—“Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out.” While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

A group of believers at Bassin. For lack of a better place, many of our groups meet in places such as this.



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Forward by Faith

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into our ranks, and also constructive plans that will be a definite asset to the colporteurs and yield concrete results.

Under God the already advancing bookman's army of the Antillian Union is determined to push forward to greater accomplishments and finish 1938 in a strong way. We realize that success comes by acting and not by wishing, so our aim is to GO FORWARD BY FAITH TO FINISH.

D. A. McADAMS,
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