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## THE CRISIS IMMINENT

I AM DEEPLY EXERCISED IN MIND in reference to the low standard of piety among our people. And when I think on the woes passed on Capernaum, I think of how much heavier will come the condemnation upon those who know the truth and have not walked according to the truth, but in the sparks of their own kindling. In the night seasons I am addressing the people in a very solemn manner, beseeching them to ask their own consciences, What am I? Am I a Christian, or am I not? Is my heart renewed? Has the transforming grace of God moulded my character? Are my sins repented of? Are they confessed? Are they forgiven? Am I one with Christ as He is one with the Father? Do I hate what I once loved? Do I now love what I once hated? Do I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus? Do I feel that I am the purchased possession of Jesus Christ, and that every hour I must consecrate myself to His service?

We are standing upon the threshold of great and solemn events. The whole earth is to be lightened with the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the channels of the great deep. Prophecies are being fulfilled, and stormy times are before us. Old controversies which have apparently been hushed for a long time will be revived, and new controversies will spring up; new and old will commingle, and this will take place right early. The angels are holding the four winds that they shall not blow, until the specified work of warning is given to the world; but the storm is gathering, the clouds are loading, ready to burst upon the world, and to many it will be as a thief in the night.

Many smiled and would not believe when we told them, twenty and thirty years ago, that the Sunday would be urged upon all the world, and a law be made to compel its observance and force conscience. We see it being ful-

filled. All that God has said of the future will surely come to pass; not one thing will fail of all that He has spoken. Protestantism is now reaching hands across the gulf to clasp hands with the papacy, and a confederacy is being formed to trample out of sight the Sabbath of the fourth commandment; and the man of sin, who, at the instigation of Satan, instituted the spurious sabbath, this child of the papacy, will be exalted to take the place of God.

All heaven is represented to me as watching the unfolding of events. A crisis is to be revealed in the great and prolonged controversy in the government of God on earth. Something great and decisive is to take place, and that

right early. If any delay, the character of God and His throne will be compromised. The armory of heaven is open; all the universe of God and its equipments are ready. One word has justice to speak, and there will be terrific representations upon the earth, of the wrath of God. There will be voices and thunderings and lightnings and earthquakes and universal desolation. Every movement in the universe of heaven is to prepare the world for the great crisis.

Intensity is taking possession of every earthly element; and as a people who have had great light and wonderful knowledge, many of them are represented by the five sleeping virgins with their lamps, but no oil in their vessels; cold, senseless, with a feeble, waning piety. While a new life is being diffused and is springing up

from beneath and taking fast hold of all Satan's agencies, preparatory to the last great conflict and struggle, a new light and life and power is descending from on high and taking possession of God's people who are not dead, as many now are, in trespasses and sins. The people who will now see what is soon to come upon us by what is being transacted before us, will no longer trust in human

### *The Laborers Are Few*

There's a weary longing in brain and heart,  
A pain that I cannot make depart,  
As I think of the crowds that walk in sin,  
The tares that the tempter has gathered in,  
Of the waiting ones in the dark that stand,  
Fainting for bread from a Saviour's hand;  
Soon will the years of probation end,  
But whom can the Lord of the harvest send?

The fields to be gathered are broad and white,  
And the grain for the sickle is fully ripe;  
But the reapers—Oh, how few on the plain!  
While, alas! is wasting the golden grain!  
The day is waning, the sun's glad light  
Will soon be followed by gloom of night,  
And many a sheaf that the wind has tossed,  
For the lack of reapers will fore'er be lost.

Soon will the last sheaf droop and fall,  
And the mantle of night will cover all;  
The work of the reaper will then be done,  
And the grain that is saved will be gathered home;  
But, oh! must we plead, and plead in vain,  
For reapers to gather the precious grain?  
Once more we pray, and we plead with tears,  
For reapers to work till the Lord appears.

—L. D. Santee.

inventions, and will feel that the Holy Spirit must be recognized, received, presented before the people, that they may contend for the glory of God, and work everywhere in the byways and highways of life, for the saving of the souls of their fellow-men. The only rock that is sure and steadfast is the Rock of Ages. Those only who build on this rock are secure. . . .

This blessed hope of the second appearing of Christ needs to be presented often to the people, with its solemn realities; looking for the soon appearing of our Lord Jesus to come in His glory, will lead to the regarding of earthly things as emptiness and nothingness. All worldly honor or distinction is of no value, for the true believer lives above the world; his steps are advancing heavenward. He is a pilgrim and stranger. His citizenship is above. He is gathering the sunbeams of the righteousness of Christ into his soul, that he may be a burning and shining light in the moral darkness that has enshrouded the world. What vigorous faith, what lively hope, what fervent love, what holy, consecrated zeal for God is seen in him, and what a decided distinction between him and the world! "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." "Watch ye therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." "Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments." ELLEN G. WHITE.

*Melbourne Australia, Feb. 18, 1892.*

[This testimony is not in any of the nine volumes. Why not clip it for your note book?]

### THE RALLYING CALL

"Every movement in the universe of heaven is to prepare the world for the great crisis." Heaven is centering its efforts on the finishing of God's work on earth. And surely if Jesus were here today, He would say to the workers in the Inter-American Division: "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

The Spirit of the Lord has gone before us in this field, and has prepared the soil in the hearts of thousands for the reception of the seeds of truth, for their germination and for their rapid development. Shall we not arise and unite all our forces in co-operation with the heavenly intelligences in the accom-

plishment of this supreme task? The command of God to His people in this crisis hour is: "Go forward."

"The advancement of the missionary cause," said Dr. Duff, one of the early missionaries to India, "is not only our duty and responsibility, but it is an enjoyment which those who have once tasted would not exchange for all the treasures of the Indian mines, for all the laurels of civic success, and for all the glittering splendor of coronets. It is a joy rich as heaven, pure as the Godhead, lasting as eternity."

Every church member throughout this division has the opportunity of experiencing this joy. Every day we may do something for Jesus, something to help prepare the world for the great crisis. Thus we shall experience the joy of the Lord. "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? For ye are our glory and joy." I Thes. 2: 19, 20.

The most effective service will be rendered when every member of the church is enlisted in active service for his Master and when all are thoroughly organized and trained, each to do his or her part in giving the warning message, and in helping to save the lost.

"Our General, who has never lost a battle, expects willing, faithful service from every one who has enlisted under His banner. In the closing controversy now waging between the forces of good and the hosts of evil, He expects all, laymen as well as ministers, to take part. All who have enlisted as His soldiers are to render faithful service as minutemen, with a keen sense of the responsibility resting upon them individually." *Test. Vol. 9, page 116.*

The church is represented under the figure of the human body. Each member of the church is a member of this spiritual body. "The eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary." 1 Corinthians 12: 21, 22.

No one can say that the best he can do is so little, and so poorly done as to be of no value. Just as the human body would be imperfect with one of the least of its members gone, and its work impaired without the service of that member, so every member of the church is needed; and the service of the least, the most feeble member is required to complete the great task imposed on the church in this last hour of human probation by her risen and glorified Lord.

In some parts of our field the brethren and sisters in the churches are rallying to the call to personal service for others; and wonderful are the results that are following their devoted labor. Scores, yes hundreds are responding to the last call of mercy that is being given by our laymembers who previously felt they could do but very little if anything in this sacred, solemn work. God can do great things through humble instruments when they are fully yielded to Him, and are under the control of His mighty Spirit.

We, as ministers, have often failed to realize what powerful forces for righteousness we have hidden away in our churches. Thoroughly trained and anointed by the Spirit for service in visiting the people, in giving Bible studies in the home, in the field, in the shop or by the roadside, and even in preaching the truth to little groups, these brethren and sisters will develop strength far beyond our fondest hopes.

Who can say that we do not have men like Stephen, or Philip, or Barnabas in our churches, unrecognized as such as yet, but who must be searched out and trained for service by the overseers of the flock of God? Good men we have, men who are "full of the Holy Ghost and of faith," through whose labors, if rightly directed, much people would be "added unto the Lord." Let us search out such, placing them as leaders over groups formed and trained for aggressive work. There are many kinds of service to be rendered, and each believer should be appointed to perform the particular service for which he is best suited.

It is quite possible that at this very hour God is moving upon the hearts of members in our churches, urging them into the field of active service for Him but they hesitate to respond to God's call lest some one in authority in the church may restrain them. Shall we refuse to let others work lest they receive some of the glory that we feel should come to us? Every soul is now to be called into active service; and no one who is willing to work in harmony with his brethren, to proclaim the blessed message of truth without introducing a note of discord into the sweet harmony of this heavenly music, is to be forbidden or discouraged.

"Who are faithful stewards of the grace of Christ? Who are making wise division of labor, calling into active service every soul that has an intelligent knowledge of the truth, and giving to all a work to do?"

"Those who are 'do-nothings' now, will have the superscription upon them. 'Weighed in the balances, and found

wanting.' They knew their Master's will, but did it not. They had the light of truth, they had every advantage, but chose their own selfish interests, and they will be left with those whom they did not try to save." *Special Testimonies to Ministers and Workers, No. 4, p. 5.*

"There is no one inactive in heaven, and no one will enter the mansions of bliss who has failed to show love for Christ, who has put forth no effort for the salvation of others." *Id. No. 3, p. 39.*

Vast territories are opened before us in this division where the light of truth has never penetrated. Whichever way we look we see rich harvests ready to be gathered, but there are none to do the reaping. Who will respond to the call to enter the colporteur field and thus become a self-supporting missionary? Hundreds are needed to labor in this line of consecrated ministry. Like Brother Lopez, who, over in Venezuela, freely gave his life for this glorious cause, we want many who stand ready, if need be, to pay the full price that the darkest corner of our field may be lighted with the glory of this message, and a people made ready in every part for the coming of our Lord.

The torch of truth must be kept moving. Our experienced laborers must as far as possible be released from the care of the churches, and sent forth into unentered fields. Shall we not leave the ninety and nine that are within the fold and go into the mountains in search of the lost sheep?

"Suppose Christ should abide in every heart, and selfishness in all its forms should be banished from the church; what would be the result? Harmony, unity, and brotherly love would be seen as verily as in the church Christ first established. Christian activity would be seen everywhere. The whole church would be kindled into a sacrificial flame for the glory of God. Every Christian would cast in the fruit of his self-denial to be consumed upon the altar. There would be far greater activity in devising fresh methods of usefulness, and in studying how to come close to poor sinners to save them from eternal ruin. . . .

"The third angel of Revelation fourteen is represented as flying swiftly through the midst of heaven crying, 'Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.' Here is shown the nature of the work of the people of God. They have a message of so great importance that they are represented as flying in the presentation of it to the world. They are holding in their hands the bread of life for a famishing world. The love of Christ constraineth them. This is

the last message. There are no more to follow; no more invitations of mercy to be given after this message shall have done its work. What a trust! What a responsibility is resting upon all to carry the words of gracious invitation. 'And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.'" *Testimonies, Vol. V, pages 206, 207.* E. E. ANDROSS.

### THE WEST INDIAN TRAINING SCHOOL

The West Indian Training School, located at Mandeville, Jamaica, is our largest and best training school in the Inter-American Division. We can all be proud of the thorough work that is being done in this institution. Professor W. H. Wineland, the principal, and his noble band of instructors, are working in an untiring way for its success. The board of trustees are in full sympathy with its industrial features, as are also the conference president and his good wife. Speaking of the school, Professor Wineland, writing February 19, states:

"Our enrollment at the present time is ninety-six. All of these are home students, with the exception of seven. Of the home students, fifteen are working all their way; twenty-seven, half their way; five, about one quarter of their way; and the others are full pay students. About one half of our students are paying cash for school expenses. Eight of these earned scholarships the past vacation.

"At present we are conducting thirteen grades, and plan to add another grade next term. The literary work is almost identical with that of our schools in the States. But we are just getting on our feet industrially. However, we have a well-equipped furniture and cabinet making department which is securing a good amount of commercial work. We need a sand-papering machine, and a number of individual sets of tools for the carpentry students.

"Our agricultural department is paying expenses, supplying work for a number of students, and supplying our tables with vegetables and ground provision of various kinds.

"At present we are erecting a building for a new industry—a sheet metal factory. We plan to put on the market, gutterings, galvanized pails, and pans of various kinds. There is a demand for these things here, and we believe that

this factory will be successful. We are also planning to start a printing department. The school library is being enlarged, and the educational department improved.

"We have a good school. It is generally recognized as one of the best schools in the island. We have a number of students who are not of our faith. We plan that this school, established to train recruits for God's work, shall be head and shoulders above every other school in the island; and we are forging ahead to this goal.

"At present we have a financial agent who is gathering funds to build up the school. She has been working about ten weeks, and to date has secured \$2,000 cash. This is only a beginning. The people manifest a great interest in our work, and make liberal donations. The lady soliciting, Mrs. Wood, seldom receives less than five to twenty-five dollars at a call, and one contribution was five hundred dollars. A number have indicated their willingness to make an annual donation to the school.

"We are planning to divide our vacation into two periods of, perhaps, unequal lengths. Instead of one school term of thirty-six weeks, we will have two terms of eighteen weeks each. There will be a vacation after each term. Instead of giving four classes as full work, we will give two classes and double the lessons and period of recitation. Thus the student will complete two full units of work each term. This plan will make it possible to conduct the school with a smaller teaching force than is now possible. It will make our work less strenuous for it will give us a breathing spell at the close of each eighteen weeks of school. Those canvassing will spend two periods in the field. These will be shorter periods, but it will only be necessary to secure a half scholarship each time they are out.

"There are a few subscription schools in the island. The government has a system of elementary education which covers the island quite thoroughly. There are some, however, who are not willing to send their children to these schools, and so there are various private schools. Those who have the means engage a governess who usually lives right in the home and teaches the children.

"The people are very much in favor of church schools. I do not believe there will be any difficulty in getting church schools started when the proper time comes. The matter has been agitated and quite a sentiment worked up in their favor. We are training teachers, but do not have them ready to go into the field yet.

"We have one church school at Kingston. It is being conducted by a man who received his education in one of the colleges here in the island. His assistant is a young lady who was in training here at our school for two terms. The enrollment of their school is over one hundred, and they are carrying work in grades one to eight."

Our prayer is that the Lord may open the way for more church schools in Jamaica and that the training school may continue to be as "a city set on a hill," giving intellectual and spiritual light to hundreds in that populous island.

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### SEED SOWING IN PORTO RICO

Since accepting the truth, about two years ago in Porto Rico the Nogueras brothers have spent most of their time in the colporteur work. These brothers are true colporteur evangelists. During this time they have worked in the same field, re-working their territory. Each has bought a horse, and they work the country districts as well as the towns. Not long ago, while making a delivery of books in the country, one of the colporteurs was slapped in the face by a Catholic priest of the Dominican order who was visiting a family where the colporteur had a book to deliver.

Not only do they sell books, but when they find an individual who is interested in the Bible, they study the Word with him. In this way they have led many to the truth. In one town they have a large company interested, and already several are preparing to be baptized. A hall has been rented and services are being held. One of the brothers has been asked by the mission to act as leader of this company until some one can be found to take charge.

They say that there are many advantages in going over and over the same territory. Success has attended them in their work, and if faithful many stars will adorn their crowns, as fruit of their faithful sowing.

G. D. RAFF.

Pastor J. A. Leland, superintendent of the Antillian Union, recently sent us a good report of his visit to the Bahamas:

"We had some of the best meetings that we have ever had in any of the fields. On Sabbath more than twenty came forward and gave themselves to the Master for service in a definite way. Satan tried to get our eyes off the real thing, but we held to our theme, and I am sure great victories were gained."

This is only a brief excerpt from his good letter; but surely it rejoices our hearts to see the light burning more and more brightly over in the Bahamas where our faithful colporteurs first lighted the torch of truth back in the nineties—about thirty years ago. You will also be happy to learn that Pastor and Sister M. A. Altman have recently connected with the work in this field. They bring to the Bahamas a wide experience in mission work, having served this cause both in England and Africa as well as America.

For 1923 Porto Rico had a colporteur goal of \$12,000. But the busy men with the books did not stop there. When the year closed the book sales had swept \$1,507.95 past the goal. The colporteurs had averaged \$2.10 per hour in their sales through the year. Think what this means to Porto Rico as the prayers of these faithful workers, and of a host of others, are still with the silent soul winners that have found their way into hundreds of Porto Rican homes.

If you have read Professor Wineland's splendid report of our West Indian Training School, you will be interested in the following excerpt from a letter received from Pastor C. E. Wood, president of the Jamaica Conference. It was written May 1. "We have been having a very severe drought throughout Jamaica the past months;" says Pastor Wood, "and last night's paper stated that the government revenue receipts were falling far short of their estimates, and that more than twenty thousand land owners were in arrears with their taxes because of the drought conditions. When I think of the six hundred pounds that Mrs. Wood has raised for our college during this period of drought, I greatly marvel where it comes from. But it is surely a fulfillment of God's promise."

Brother William Steele sends a word of cheer from Santo Domingo. He and three other workers set their combined Harvest Ingathering goal at \$900.00; and in twenty days of earnest prayer and faithful service, they passed this goal by almost \$50.00. The success of this campaign will mark the dawn of a new era in our mission work in Santo Domingo. Our workers there will now be

able to do some of the things for which their hearts have been yearning, and which the work there has needed so much. In closing Brother Steele says: "I know that we have God's last message of mercy to a dying world. My only desire is to labor until the Lord shall come."

### CHOOSE FOR US, LORD

Choose for us, Lord,  
Nor let our weak preferring  
Cheat us of good  
Thou hast for us designed;  
Choose for us, Lord,  
Thy wisdom is unerring,  
But we are fools and blind!

Let us press on  
In patient self-denial—  
Accept the hardships,  
Shrink not from the loss;  
Our portion lies  
Beyond the hour of trial,  
Our crown beyond the cross!

—W. H. Burleigh.

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The mail has brought more good news about our work among the Indians in Salvador which was mentioned in the April issue of this paper. In his letter, Pastor E. P. Howard, director of this mission says: "Brother Bodle and family will move into our new mission home in the country at Loma-Paraiso the latter part of April; and school there will begin about May 1. It is strictly a missionary enterprise. The attendance may not be large this year, but it will grow. It is not intended to take the place of a central school, but it could be utilized for four or five internes for training. Two or three young people will begin at once to train for evangelistic teachers. The work greatly needs medical-evangelistic teachers for country work."

"We believe that 1924 should be a record year in this field," says Brother Howard in the same letter; "and we are working hard to that end, and trust we shall not be disappointed. We certainly are not discouraged, and are pressing forward, a united working force, fully expecting God to bless abundantly our consecrated efforts. There is but little time left and may the Lord give us many

souls for our hire. But of supreme importance is our personal connection with our Saviour. O that each one of us, every member of the church, might consecrate himself without reserve to God for service! Then the work would end quickly and we could go home."

Then follow these three important quotations from the Spirit of Prophecy: "If every soldier of Christ had done his duty, if every watchman on the walls of Zion had given the trumpet a certain sound, the world might ere this have heard of the warning message." *Test. Vol. IX, p. 29.* "Soon the battle will have been fought, the victory won. Soon we shall see Him in whom our hopes of eternal life are centered. And in His presence the trials and sufferings of this life will seem as nothingness." *Prophets and Kings, p. 732.* "Light after light has come to me that the work will be wound up when we least expect it." *Review and Herald, June 22, 1905.* Following these quotations, I think, Brother Howard expresses the longing of every heart, for he says: "I long to have God use me and to be ready for that day."

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### DOING SOMETHING WORTH WHILE

One day during the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, while on the tram car, Pastor H. J. Edmed, president of the South Caribbean Conference, overheard two men near him discussing Seventh-day Adventists and the Harvest Ingathering paper.

"You may say what you like about the Adventists," said the one to the other, "but they are doing something worthwhile in the world. I saw their magazine, and it is wonderful the many lines of work they are doing; they seem to have covered the whole world."

Very probably many other favorable remarks were made in the South Caribbean Conference, during the enthusiastic Harvest Ingathering campaign conducted there this spring. This is only one of many incidents which show clearly one of the blessed influences of the Harvest Ingathering work.

Every one in the South Caribbean Conference seemed to enter heart and soul into this campaign for gathering funds to be used in speeding the last message

of mercy to a dying world; and found in this work a precious opportunity for carrying to friends, neighbors, and strangers the sweet story of the onward march of the Third Angel's Message. When our church at Port-of-Spain, the head quarters of our work in that conference, had raised \$688.06, some over a third of their goal, Pastor Edmed wrote: "And the enthusiasm is growing stronger every week. Sister Carter, although 104 years old, is working with almost youthful enthusiasm."

Surely if one at the age of 104 can enter active service for the Master, there is no good reason why all the rest of us should not be "doing something worth while" to help speed the finishing of the work.

"We started with a goal of fifty new converts for the church at Port-of-Spain (Trinidad) for 1924," writes Brother George Haining, pastor of the church, "But," he continues, "two weeks ago we baptized twenty-one; and twenty-five are in the new baptismal class. We hope by the close of June to hold a praise service to thank God for giving us our goal for the year during the first six months." Then a little further on in his letter, he says: "The churches seem to be awakening to the sense of their need of a deeper consecration; God's Spirit is at work."

Over in Barbados we find the same earnest spirit stirring our workers to their utmost endeavor. "We have set our church goal, in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, at \$1200.00 this year, and the year is really bad," wrote Brother J. V. Minner, who is located at Bridgetown, Barbados. "But," he continued, "I feel sure that God will give us our goal. The cane crop is short, but sugar is still a fair price, and that may help things out wonderfully." Then speaking of another phase of the work, he said: "In regard to the theatre effort, we are still reaping the harvest. The last Sabbath of the old year I baptized ten, and I expect within the next few weeks to baptize about twenty more of those who attended the theatre meetings."

One day when Brother A. A. Grizzle, in charge of our work in Colon, R. P., called at the division office, he related an experience that may help others to go and do likewise. At our request he jotted down the pith of the story as follows:

"A young convert, who was eager to share in the recent \$300 campaign for helping to complete the new church in Panama city, found a way to earn money. She sold literature; and on her way

to and from work, she gathered wild fruit which she sold to the sailors that jammed the streets almost everywhere during the visit of the fleet in April.

"More than this, our ambitious young convert inspired others to find ways of making money for the church fund. 'You can make pretty artificial flowers. Why don't you make some and sell these for the church fund?' she inquiringly suggested. These friends had never thought of doing that; and with the suggestion, fear subdued their weak and untried faith. How could they ever sell flowers? Finally, however, the young convert persuaded her friends to make the flowers; and then she accompanied them in their efforts to sell them. The sales were made; and the individual goals reached, all because a young girl was willing to try, and to help others try."

From the western part of the Caribbean Union, over in Colombia, Pastor E. M. Trummer, director of the mission, writes from Barranquilla, where he and Sister Trummer have been laboring for a short time. He says: "We are very thankful for the rich blessings God has given us on this trip. The first Sabbath, we had the joy of organizing our second church in this field here in Barranquilla. I ordained Brother Redondo as the local elder of this church of twelve, which is the fruit of his labor.

"Mrs. Trummer and I have been doing our Harvest Ingathering work in this city. However, as I had the institute work and the evening meetings, Mrs. Trummer has done all the soliciting. While I was out with the colporteurs, she spent over a week in Ingathering work, Brother Redondo's daughter accompanying her. We are happy to tell you that we have been able to raise more than six hundred dollars in our campaign this year."

We rejoice to be able to pass on to you the good news that word has come saying Pastor C. E. Knight and his wife are now planning to join our forces in this union soon. These earnest workers are not strangers to this field, and we bespeak a hearty welcome for these recruits as they come to strengthen the thin ranks of the Lord's far flung battle line. It brightens the horizon of the future with the hope of more rapid advancement in the closing work for God.

"We are living in the time of the end. . . . Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones." *Vol. IX, p. 11.*

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### INSTITUTES

A short colporteurs' institute was held in connection with the Harvest Ingathering institute of the mission workers at Aibonito, Porto Rico. As those who attended were all experienced canvassers little time was taken up in general instruction. Some of the most important points touched during the institute were "The Value of Our Time," and "The Relation of the Colporteur to the Tract Society." This last topic was well discussed and each colporteur promised to make a special effort this year to settle his account with the mission.

Last year's goal of \$12,000 was passed by \$1,507.95 in books delivered. The field had an average of ten colporteurs each month of the year, and they averaged \$2.10 per hour for time worked. As Santo Domingo has been set apart into a separate mission field, and as the Porto Rican mission is without a field secretary just now, it was thought best to set a goal for the present year for \$10,000 in sales.

On the tenth of March sixteen smiling colporteurs met in an institute at Manacas, Cuba. Besides the general instruction and other points discussed, a far-reaching and good resolution, favoring the tract society as well as the colporteurs, was discussed and voted by the colporteurs. The gist of the resolution is that the colporteur is to satisfactorily settle for the first order of books before the second order will be sent.

The individual goals of the sixteen colporteurs totaled \$28,300.00, but as they delivered \$29,523.00 worth of literature last year, we believe that they will reach a total of \$30,000.00 in 1924. Last year, on an average, each colporteur delivered over \$2,200 worth of truth-filled literature. About nine and one-quarter tons of these silent messengers are being distributed throughout Cuba each year. Surely the Lord's Word will not return to Him void.

G. D. RAFF.

### COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR THE ANTILLIAN UNION

About seventeen tons of gospel literature, or about 13,318 books of average size, were placed in the homes of the people in the Antillian union during 1923, representing a value of \$53,273.53. This has been the the second-best year in book sales since the beginning of the work in these fields. We hope to see the time when the Antillian union will be able to do much better, as last year only three fields in the union were well manned and sent in their monthly reports. The average per hour for the thirty-six colporteurs in the union, for books delivered, was about \$1.70. This

is not such a large average, when compared with some other fields, yet very few laboring men get eighty-five cents an hour. It seems to me that the most important lesson for our colporteurs to learn is the value of time. When this lesson is well learned and practiced the literature sales throughout the world will show a great gain. The Antillian union has delivered, during the last eight years, over \$312,861.00 worth of books.

G. D. RAFF.

### RESULTS OF SELLING "EL CENTINELA"

The other week a letter came to our office in Havana, Cuba, reading something like this:

"Some time ago I bought a copy of *El Centinela*, and finding it such a good and instructive magazine, I am writing for further information as to how I should send the money for a year's subscription."

### SALES REPORT, JANUARY TO APRIL, 1924 CENTRAL AMERICAN BRANCH, PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSN.

	<i>Subscription</i>	<i>Trade</i>	<i>Educa.</i>	<i>Tracts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Bahamas		26.45	143.50		169.95
Cuba	2,780.30	497.75	15.00	40	4,293.45
Haiti	8.70	53.95	2.50	17.50	82.65
Jamaica	1,180.05	128.70	16.00		1,324.75
Porto Rico	945.50	134.40		15.00	1,094.90
<i>Antillian Union</i>	5,914.55	841.25	177.00	32.90	6,965.70
Guatemala	396.05	36.50		64.90	497.45
Honduras	181.70	295.55	77.30	39.75	594.30
Mexico	2,610.25	193.65	28.20	7.50	2,839.60
Salvador	2,137.00	116.55	39.55	2.00	2,295.10
<i>Aztec Union</i>	5,325.00	642.25	145.05	114.15	6,226.45
Colombia	5.50	53.20		.35	59.05
South Caribbean	818.50	357.30	8.10	2.90	1,186.80
Venezuela	115.85	162.20	.60	11.25	289.90
West Caribbean	2,263.75	235.15	117.70	20.20	2,636.80
<i>Caribbean Union</i>	3,203.60	807.85	126.40	34.70	4,172.55
TOTAL SALES, 1924	14,443.15	2,291.35	448.45	181.75	17,364.70
TOTAL SALES, 1923	51,202.15	3,401.80	664.05	188.75	55,456.75
<i>Decrease</i>	36,759.00	1,110.45	215.60	7.00	38,092.05

Following our usual custom, a detailed sales report for our field is being published. As it is also customary to comment upon good reports, and have very little to say when the reports are unfavorable, our remarks will be limited to a very few observations, for our sales have not met our expectations. It is interesting to note that while our April sales last year were in excess of \$18,000 (consisting of \$7,093.00 to the Antillian Union, \$9,734.65 to the Aztec Union, and \$1,885.00 to the Caribbean Union), the April sales in 1924 were but \$3,959.60 (made up of the following totals: \$2,728.20 to the Antillian Union, \$922.50 to the Aztec Union, and \$308.90 to the Caribbean Union); so that during this one month the shortage was increased by more than \$14,000. We face a large task the next eight months if we regain all our lost ground.

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"SATAN knows better than God's people the power that they can have over him when their strength is in Christ. The weakest believer, firmly relying upon Christ, can repulse Satan and all his host."—*Test. Vol. 1, page 341.*

The letter was written March 24, 1924. It was answered, and on the twenty-sixth the following reply was received:

"I have just received your very attentive letter of the twenty-fifth, and according to your letter I am inclosing a check for \$1.50, for which please send to my address the magazine *El Centinela* for one year, and oblige,

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_"

Some among the many who buy *El Centinela* may say, "Fifteen cents is a lot of money for such a paper," but the man who sees something in the magazine more valuable than gold or silver says nothing about the price, believing he has found a bargain.

Where one man complains that he does not receive his paper, ten or more are receiving it and are content that they have subscribed.

Where one person makes the statement that the magazine is religious and of very little value, if any, to him, there are ten or a dozen who are reading the paper and are content that it contains good moral reading and explains the prophecies concerning the return of our Lord.

Let us not become discouraged in well doing. How true are the words of our Captain. Speaking of His Word, He says, "It shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Let each magazine seller enlist some one else and train him to sell magazines, and thus help to fulfill the words, "Where there is one colporteur in the field there should be a hundred." G. D. RAFF.

**BIG WEEK FRUITAGE IN EUROPE**

Brother H. H. Hall, associate secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department, is now spending some time in Europe in the interests of the various mission presses and of the large publishing houses in that division. He passes on the following very interesting paragraphs from a letter written by Pastor L. H. Christian while at sea on his way to Africa:

"Brother W. E. Read [who had stopped at Cairo, Egypt, on his way down to Africa, and had joined Brother Christian] reports seventeen hundred copies of the new little book, *Sure Word of Prophecy*, already sold in Egypt. Brother Essary [young man from England who is taking up the leadership of our colporteur work in Egypt] seems glad to give himself to colporteur work.

Samuel [native Egyptian, but speaking English as well as Arabic] is faithful, and has started four other colporteurs. It is a beginning but it can grow. To distribute literature is perhaps the best work of all among these Coptic Christians.

"Brother Read thinks Samuel is having a splendid experience. One day in a large office building of some factory and wholesale house he met in the first room a colporteur from the Nile Mission Press [the office that is doing our printing]. The Nile man had an old carpet bag full of all kinds of tracts and books. As he was in first, Samuel had in part to follow him. It is hard to get permission to sell in these large business concerns, and as Samuel had the permission for only that day he was bound to go through with it.

"At times both men worked in one office among eight to twelve employees. The Nile man spread out his varied assortment, the men looked at it, didn't know what to choose and so bought nothing. Samuel had but his one book—*Sure Word of Prophecy*—and tackled one man at a time, quietly so the other wouldn't get angry, and sold one on an average to every other person. When they got through, the Nile man said, 'Well, that was a pretty strenuous task, but it wasn't so bad. I sold four piasters worth [about seventeen cents]. What was your luck?' Samuel didn't dare to tell him, so he answered, 'Well, it wasn't exactly a soft snap,' and hurried away. He had sold twenty-five books, worth over \$6.00. Another victory for Adventist colporteur methods!"

Brother Hall adds this note to the letter: "This *Sure Word of Prophecy* is the first book to be gotten out with Mission Press money. *Steps to Christ* will soon follow and after that *Bible Made Plain*, according to our present plan. We are getting a start in the Arabic world."

Then here are some items from Brother Hall's letter, telling a little about the fruitage of Big Week work. "The Big Day has done great things for us over here. The returns for 1923 from this field and outside will run close to \$37,000. Among the new propositions now are books in Armenian and Turkish for Constantinople, books in Greek for Greece, Serbian *Our Day* for our brethren in Jugoslavia, Bulgarian *Glorious Appearing* and *Angels and Demons* for Bulgaria, *Our Day* in Lithuanian for Lithuania, and a variety of other smaller books now being considered, but not fully decided upon.

"Our missionary secretary brings us word that while he was in Rumania

the police brought in a number of our colporteurs from outlying districts to turn them over to the police headquarters. In one instance the colporteur persuaded the officer to bring him to our meeting first, and the officer seemed to enjoy the service, and said he would come again."

There seems to be a brisk demand for quantities of the new small books being published by our publishing houses. Our first shipment of *On the Eve of Armageddon* lasted only a few days. A larger shipment is now on the way. The publishers report very heavy orders from all sections for this latest book by Elder C. B. Haynes, the author of several other splendid little 25-cent books.

We feel interested in another new little book of which a shipment has just been received—*The Story of Jesus*. This is the first of a series of small books written in simple language, as far as possible in words of one and two syllables. This attractive little book will surely accomplish much good as it is distributed among those of limited education and among children, and in fact among all who appreciate the gospel story told in a simple, easy style.

With this last book we received a quantity of another small new book—*The Coming Man of Destiny*. It is another valuable addition to the list of small books at the popular price of twenty-five cents.

**"EL CENTINELA" CIRCULATION**  
April, 1924

Cuba	5,243	
Dominicana	301	
Haiti	1	
Porto Rico	939	
<i>Antillian Union</i>		6,484
Guatemala	203	
Honduras	67	
Mexico	1,706	
Salvador	552	
<i>Aztec Union</i>		2,528
Colombia	1,506	
South Caribbean	7	
Venezuela	707	
West Caribbean	458	
<i>Caribbean Union</i>		2,678
<i>Philippines</i>		59
<i>United States</i>		1,202
<i>Miscellaneous</i>		22
TOTAL CIRCULATION		12,973
<i>Circulation, April, 1923</i>		7,931
Increase	(63.6%)	5,042

## NEWS ITEMS

The Lord willing, the Aztec Union Mission committee will meet on May 23 at the headquarters of the Honduras Mission in San Pedro Sula. Earnest study will be given to the problems that confront our laborers in their efforts to carry forward the work of this message throughout that union. With the small force of workers at their command they have a tremendous task before them; but "with God nothing shall be impossible."

On June 12 the Jamaican biennial conference and general meeting will convene at Mandeville. The Antillian Union Mission committee will meet in connection with the Jamaica meeting. Following these important gatherings there will be a Bookman's convention for the entire division at Cristobal, July 15-21. This is to be followed by a meeting of the Inter-American Division committee at its office in Balboa, C. Z., July 22-29.

We have the promise of help from the General Conference for the July meetings. Pastors B. E. Beddoe and W. W. Eastman of Washington, D. C., and Brother J. H. Cochran and possibly Brother H. G. Childs of the Pacific Press, Mountain View, Calif., will be with us. The superintendents of the union missions will also be present; and the Caribbean Union Mission committee will convene in connection with the latter meeting.

There have never been held in this field meetings of equal importance with those appointed for the next few weeks. We feel sure that our people will daily remember, at the throne of grace, the brethren who will be called in council. We must have with us "the Great, the Mighty God, the Lord of hosts, is His name, great in counsel, and mighty in work." Jer. 32: 18, 19.

### SOMETHING FOR YOU!

Yes, it is for you! And we wish you to have it before the present year closes. It will cost you no money; and yet it represents something far more valuable than all the gold of all the millionaires in the world. This is the Jubilee of the foreign mission work of the Seventh-day Adventist church. That is one reason we hope you will get it this year.

There is one for every union worker! There is one for every conference and

mission worker! There is one for every local church worker and every other church member! There is one for every father and mother! There is one for every young person looking forward to church membership!

And why should not every worker get one and thus encourage others by example as well as by precept to obtain this prize? Why should not every

### "ONWARD, EVER ONWARD"

*"The third angel, flying in the midst of heaven, and heralding the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus, represents our work. The message loses none of its force in the angel's onward flight; for John sees it increasing in strength and power until the whole earth is lightened with its glory. The course of God's commandment-keeping people is onward, ever onward. The message of truth that we bear must go to nations, tongues, and peoples. Soon it will go with a loud voice, and the earth will be lightened with its glory. Are we preparing for this great outpouring of the Spirit of God?"*

*"Human agencies are to be employed in this work. Zeal and energy must be intensified; talents that are rusting from inaction must be pressed into service. The voice that would say, "Wait; do not allow yourself to have burdens imposed upon you," is the voice of the cowardly spies. We want Calebs now, who will press to the front,—chieftains in Israel who with courageous words will make a strong report in favor of immediate action. When the selfish, ease-loving, panic-stricken people, fearing tall giants and inaccessible walls, clamor for retreat, let the voice of the Calebs be heard, even though the cowardly ones stand with stones in their hands, ready to beat them down for their faithful testimony."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. V, p.383.*

church member, who can obtain this prize, do so? It would strengthen his own heart for the conflict, his hands for better service, and his example would be a constant inspiration to those around him. And why should not every young person, whether a church member or not, obtain this prize that it

may help him to become rooted and grounded in the truth and help him to be able, with meekness and fear, to give a reason for the blessed hope within his heart.

Yes, it is a Standard of Attainment Certificate that we hope you will get during 1924. Come, join our standard of attainment ranks! Come, be a Jubilee Member of Attainment! The Standard of Attainment membership stands for a degree of knowledge of the Bible doctrines that make us a distinct people; and we are told by the Spirit of Prophecy that "None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict." The Standard of Attainment Certificate also shows that the holder has begun a study of our denominational history. Of the importance of such study, God's messenger has told us, "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teachings in our past history."

Many other reasons might be given for urging this study; but these two supercede all others. And may they persuade hundreds to study and to review these important subjects with which the Standard of Attainment demands acquaintance! May many be inspired to dig deeper into the great mine of God's truth, and to lift up their eyes to see how God, in His great mercy, has sheltered and blessed the "remnant church" from the day He called a few consecrated believers to form it just after the disappointment of 1844 until today when He has made of it a strong organization with representatives in nearly all lands proclaiming His last message to men!

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